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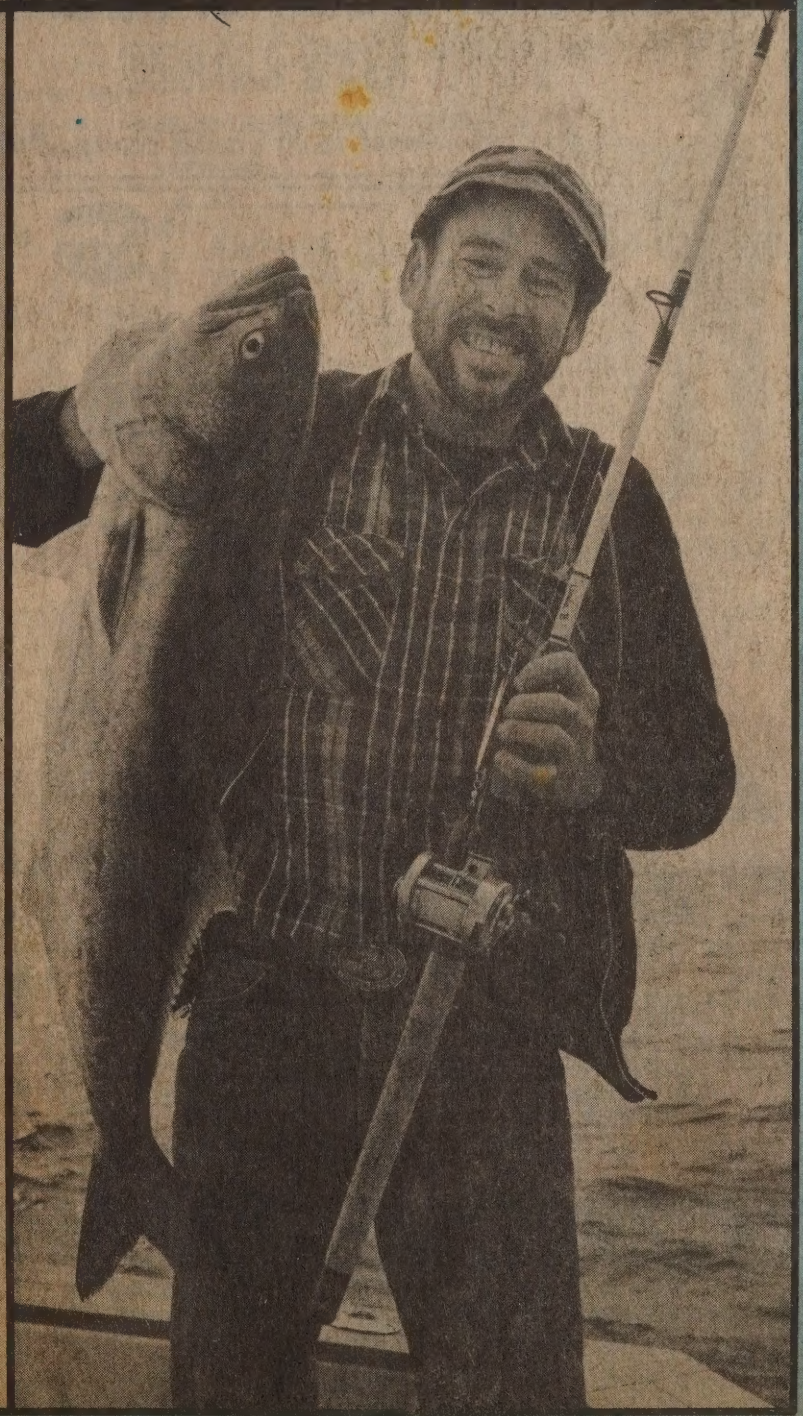

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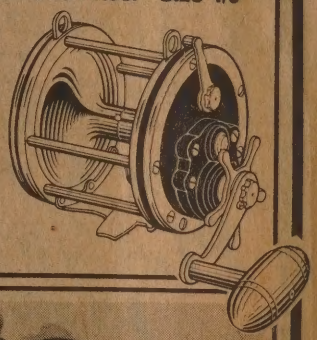

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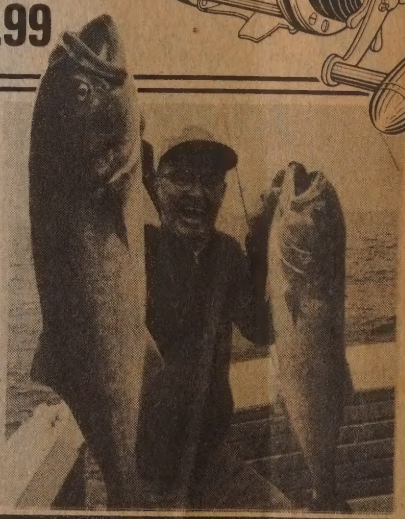

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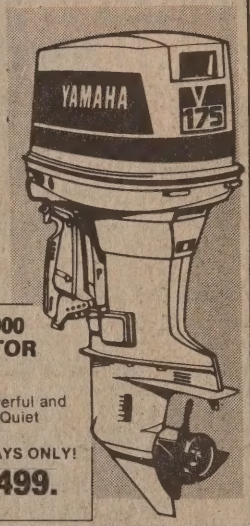

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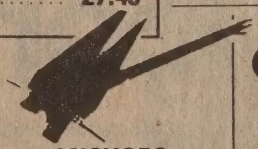

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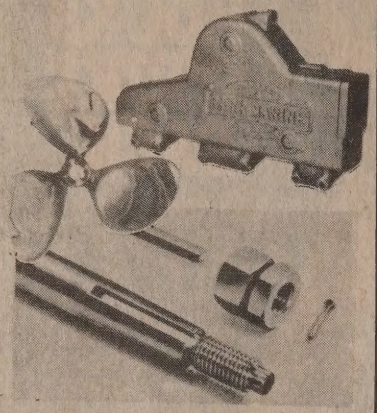

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As for a report on the island's surf fly fishing, five undersized striped bass were caught at South Ferry and released. The unusual absence of bluefish on the beach did not deter the dedicated group of flyrodders from enjoyment of the sport. An outstanding achievement was the catch of a bass of 22 inches on a fly by a young flyrodder from Pa. who was awarded the weekend trophy. Brian Hudack captured the fish on a yellow bucktail at South Ferry early in the AM. The fish was then released.

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State Senator Owen H. Johnson (4th S.D., Babylon) announced today that an international conference on shellfishing and coastal resource management will be held from August 19th to 21st, at Hostra University, Hempstead, New York.

The purpose of the conference is to bring together leading scholars, resource managers, industry representatives, baymen and elected officials from various states and countries to discuss a multitude of shellfish topics. Senator Johnson, who is Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Long Island Marine District, indicated that scientific research, spawner sanctuaries, management programs, dredging, transplanting, mariculture and habitat protection are topics which will be addressed.

Scheduled speakers include Dr. Bonnie McCay, Rutgers University, discussing New Jersey's clam spawner sanctuary program; Dr. Robert van Gilkel, University of Amsterdam, describing shellfish dredging programs in the Netherlands; and Dr. Edwin Rhodes, National Marine Fisheries Service, discussing the role of U.S. shellfish aquaculture programs in coastal resource management. Senator Johnson, who is also a member of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, said that he is gratified to see that there is growing concern for the protection of the marine environment.

Senator Johnson urged that anyone interested in attending the conference contact him at his District Office, 23-24 Argyle Square, Babylon, New York, (516) 669-9200, to obtain program and registration information. Registration fee is $35 is paid in advance; $45 if paid at the door. Deadline for advance registrations is July 15, 1987.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MARINER REPORTING [MAREP] PROGRAM

The National Weather Service is taking this opportunity to welcome the Marine Community to participate in a program that will further improve marine forecasts. As most mariners already know, marine forecasts are routinely broadcast for the coastal region four times a day on NOAA Weather Radio at frequencies 162.55 MHZ out of New York City and 162.475 MHZ from Riverhead, New York. Unfortunately, due to the lack of observational data, forecasts are often issued with little information of actual conditions over the open water. This information will help improve our forecasts. To improve forecasts, the National Weather Service, with the help of the Marine Advisory Service Sea Grant Office, has established a program which enables mariners to report current weather conditions at sea to volunteers manning coastal base stations located on Eastern Long Island. This cooperative system, the Mariner Reporting (MAREP) Program, allows the National Weather Service to fill the gaps (in weather knowledge) along coastal areas where there are few weather observations from instruments and ship reports.

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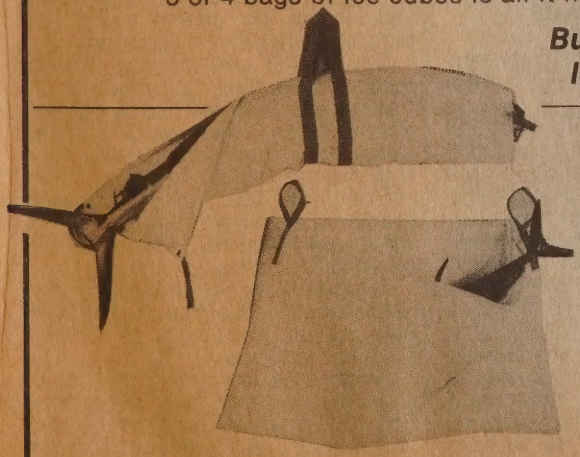

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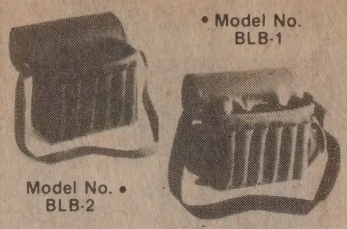

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The most successful fly fishermen have detailed knowledge of the insect life that fish feed upon, and *Angling Entomology* describes techniques that can be used to study the insect life in the waters they fish. Moser answers the questions that come up so often: How can I tell what fish are feeding upon? How can I predict when hatches will occur? How can I learn more about the insect life where I fish?

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Ron Moser is the Chairman of Maryland's Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission.

Angling Entomology: Basics for Fly Fishermen by Ron Moser, $9.95 paperback, 112-pages, published and distributed by Nick Lyons Books, 31 West 21st Street, New York, NY 10010; (212) 620-9580.

WITHOUT FMP, SWORDFISH PLUNDER CONTINUES UNCHECKED

Nearly one out of every two swordfish caught by the U.S. longline fleet is a juvenile that will never grow to spawning size and contribute to the recovery of the depleted swordfish fishery. Without any controls on the harvest of swordfish, the average size of fish landed by domestic fishermen continued to decline in 1986, with the number of immature fish (under 50 pounds dressed weight) making up an increasingly larger portion of the total catch.

Growth overfishing, or the harvest of too many small fish causing a sharp drop in the number that recruit to the adult population, has plagued swordfish populations in the western Atlantic since the 1970s. The adult stock has been reduced by from 25 to 40 percent since 1978. Last year, the five Atlantic Fishery Management Councils completed work on a management plan to conserve swordfish through a system of seasonal closures to limit the catch of small swordfish. The NOAA administrator rejected the plan because of its impact on U.S. and foreign tuna fishermen, who also catch swordfish on their longlines.

The latest commercial swordfish landings clearly indicate the need to drastically reduce the harvest of small fish immediately. The thousands of longline hooks cannot discriminate between large and small fish, so the lines must be removed from the water during those months when, historically, most of the small fish are taken. The federal management councils are reportedly gearing up to re-submit their swordfish plan to NOAA, a plan that is designed to accomplish that. The NCMC will strongly urge NOAA to approve the plan expeditiously to once and for all put a stop to the wholesale destruction of the swordfish fishery.

DEEP SEA ANNOUNCES 2ND ANNUAL SEASON LONG TOURNEY

Deep Sea, the big-boat sport fishing marina at Star Island, Montauk Point, formally opens and starts its 1987 2nd Annual Master Angling Tournament (season-long) commencing July 3rd and running through September 6th, it was announced by marina president, Guy LaMotta.

The biggest catches in the game fish categories of billfish, tuna and mako plus all major species of inshore and popular bottom game fish are all included for competition in the master derby with tagging and releasing of less-than-trophy fish being urged. Women will participate and special prizes will be awarded to boy and girl winners under 13 years of age.

Commencing right on the heels of the United States Atlantic Tuna Tourney, for which Deep Sea was host, the season-long derby will offer prizes of free dockage for a four week period to any all-tackle record breaker for any of the species. A special award will go to the angler taking the biggest shark other than a mako.

One of the only angling tournaments on the East Coast not in the "cash prize business," this plaque/trophy event will have judging by the Deep Sea Tournament Committee with a point system. No entree fees are required. The committee is comprised of Dr. Lewis Feinman, Chester Wolfe and Pete Rhein. Deep Sea will be the official weigh-in station.

Eligibility for participation will require that boats are berthed at Deep Sea—season, monthly or for a minimum of five days.

Category award winners will be announced on Labor Day, September 7th, at the annual tournament end cocktail party at Deep Sea. And the overall master angler, whose name

will be inscribed on the 4 foot tall (in residence) Carl Fisher Trophy, will be announced.

Last year's winners were: chester Wolfe (overall) of Manhattan) George Armadoras of Fort Lauderdale, Fla; Scott Rhein of Miller Place, NY; David Finger of Montauk Point NY; Gary Braverman of Queens; Mike Hagerty of Glen Head, NY and Ron Schubert of Manhasset, NY.

For further tournament information, call (516) 668-2185 or 883-8412.

NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT DEMONSTRATES VALUE OF FISHING

Over 70 percent of families who go fishing together believe that fishing makes a positive to very positive contribution to their family life.

The value of fishing for individual mental health and improved communication within a family was demonstrated this spring in a national research project conducted by Central Missouri State University. The study's sponsor, Rudy C. Nail, a family counselor based in St. Louis, is evaluating various forms of leisure activities to determine which are best to foster good relationships within families.

"All leisure activities contain elements which may be more or less beneficial to participants," says Nail. "Watching television, for example, contributes little to family communication or interaction. Essentially, it's a passive, individualized activity and can have very negative results."

"A father taking his son or daughter to a ball game," continued Nail, "usually is more positive. In this case, family members communicate and interact more although, as spectators, their level of activity is limited. In fishing, there are a surprising number of positive factors that make it one of the best shared activities. Fishing offers a chance for family members to have a positive influence on each other, yet provides opportunities to be alone without being lonely.

Nail is also concerned about the level of competition inherent in many leisure activities. "In fishing, there is usually an atmosphere of healthy family competition on the size, number or lack of fish caught," observed Nail. "When competition focuses on doing the best you can, rather than beating someone else, valuable lessons are learned."

The research results indicate that most people find fishing very relaxing and Nail attributes this to the fact that most fishing takes place away from the fast pace of the modern city. He notes that being around water has long been acknowledged as providing a unique setting for tranquility and reflection.

Among those responding to the survey, fishing was the number one recreational activity for their families, followed by baseball, swimming and golf. Bowling, exercise, hunting, tennis and skiing were next in order.

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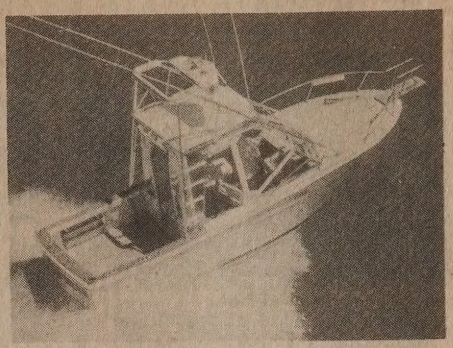

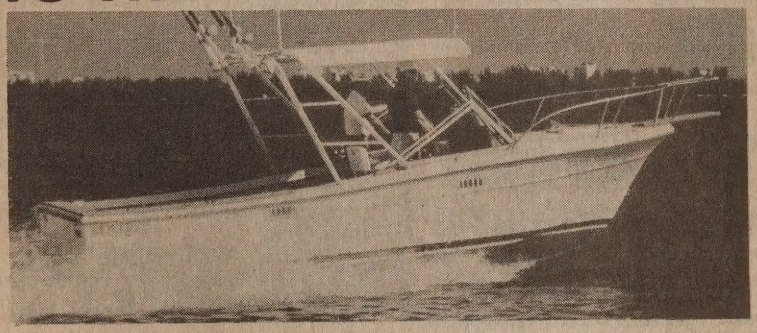

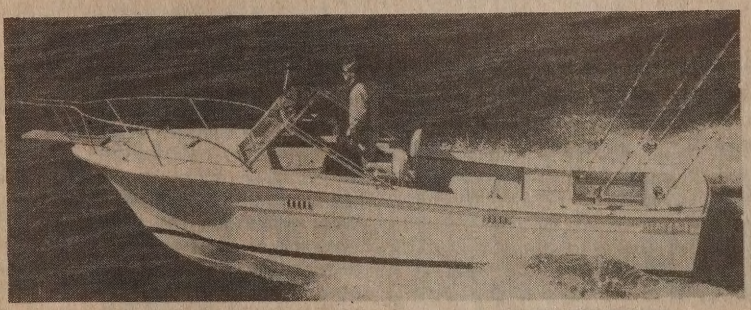

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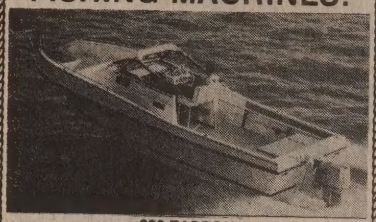
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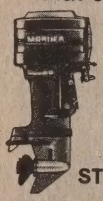
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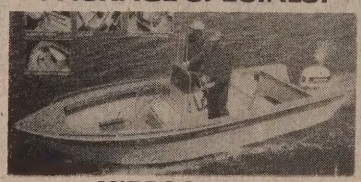
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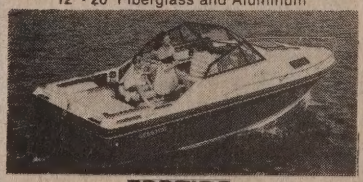
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Although quite small, the Compact 55 is very big on operating features. It is fully synthesized with 49 transmit and 68 receive channels. There is also a selection of nine weather channels. Large digital readouts display selected channel number. Channel selector controls are on a membrane protected keypad for "wet hands" operation.

Other features include all-channel scan (SEEK), touchkey Hi/Low (25/1) power selection and priority channel 16.

For further information, write Si-Tex, P.O. Box 6700, Clearwater, FL 33518.

NO KNOTS! FISHING HOOKS

Lifetime outdoorsman and former small town steel-rigger from northwestern Pennsylvania, Joe Manno, has patented a fishhook incorporating a no-knots "wrap-and-tuck" design that increases leader strength, adapts easily to night and ice fishing and quickly adjusts to various minnow lengths.

Using a series of wraps instead of the traditional thread-and-knot technique, the right-handed No-Knots T-shaped configuration reduces line stress, requires less dexterity and, with little practice, can be done by a blind person.

Deceptively simple, the No-Knots hook opens inexpensive "self-tying" angling to small children, arthritic elderly and otherwise hands-and-finger impaired individuals of all ages.

Demanding considerably less time and complexity to leader attachment than its predecessor designs, the No-Knots hook's climatic usefulness is not impaired by darkness and cold weather. Since it is easily spaced to exact plastic worm and minnow lengths, it also makes an effective gang rig.

The T-shaped projection acts as a stabilizer and the loop serves as an excellent worm retainer, allowing the small, abrupt barb to twist upward in trolling for quick penetration into the hard upper jaw, an especially significant feature in soft-mouth fish such as the largemouth bass.

The No-Knot rig, which includes soft-wire utilization for sharp tooth species such as the northern pike and muskie, places the rear hook behind the tail of the bait fish while securing and holding its head. Thus, the chances of hooking the predatory game fish are increased when, as is its tendency it tries to cripple the minnow by biting its tail in feigning an over-the-head attack.

In addition, the No-Knots hook's tempered sharpness and barb design can be engineered to spinner and lure specifications also.

The hooks range in size from a small size 10 to a large size 6/0. They range in finish of bronze, cadmium and steel blue.

The No Knots fishhooks are sponsored by Highland Enterprises of Kane, PA 16735. A patch and sample pack of hooks are offered for $1 and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

VOLVO PENTA 422 HORSEPOWER TAMD121D

When asked to provide an efficient, durable, high output marine diesel capable of producing upwards of 400 hp and suitable for twin installations in larger planing sportfishing boats and semi-planing sedan cruisers and motor yachts, the engineers of Volvo Penta responded with a new lighter weight six cylinder in-line diesel (TAMD121D) capable of producing up to 422 hp at 2,000 RPM.

Like the rugged direct-injected commercial base engine which it is derived from, this turbocharged and aftercooled six-cylinder diesel meets the needs of another demanding group—pleasure boat owners who venture far offshore—delivering quiet, smooth power using far less fuel over practically the entire engine speed range. And Volvo Penta engineers sacrificed none of the reliability or dependability for which this diesel and other engines in the line are widely known.

Serious sport fishermen and long distance offshore cruisers will appreciate the savings in weight (154 lbs.) and engine installation height made possible by the new optional aluminum oil pan. Also contributing to the overall lower engine profile are adjustable height rear engine mounts and a newly-designed freshwater fill system. Combined with the seven degree down angle of the MG 510A reverse gear, the TAMD121D can now provide more fighting room in the cockpit and more usable space in the engine room for generators, air conditioners or other auxiliary equipment. In fact, there is a wide variety of optional power takeoffs, pumps and belt

drives available for special requirements.

Volvo combines sensible technology and engineered strength into a well balanced proven design. Six individual cylinder heads and replaceable cylinder liners provide ease of service, light alloy pistons with anodized piston crowns and oil cooling greatly extend service life. Freshwater cooling, direct fuel injection, turbocharging and aftercooling all contribute to lower operating temperatures and more efficient fuel combustion.

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BANTAM SPEEDMASTER: THE FASTEST BAITCASTING REEL IN THE WORLD

One of the biggest problems most fishermen have, especially the tournament angler, is being able to make more casts and cover more water. But the problem has never been with the angler, it's been with his old, slow reel. He's been spending too much time retrieving and not enough time putting the lure or bait in front of the fish.

Shimano's engineers have been listening and have solved this problem with the introduction of the Bantam SpeedMaster reel series for 1987.

In the new series of six reels, each Bantam SpeedMaster has an increased super high speed 6:1 gear ratio. This unmatched speed gives the fisherman faster retrieves, allowing him to cast more often and cover more water.

It also incorporated Shimano's proven QuickFire Casting System which lets the fisherman release the spool and thumb the line in one quick, easy motion. This means more casts, with greater speed and accuracy and ultimately greater confidence for the fisherman.

By combining the lightning fast 6:1 gear ratio with the QuickFire Casting System, Shimano has created the fastest way known for a freshwater angler to completely cover the water. It stands to reason if you can present a lure more often, in more water, you'll catch more fish.

When using the Bantam SpeedMaster with deep diving crankbaits, you'll see how just a few turns quickly move your bait down to deep, more productive water, where the lunkers live. In slower reels, the bait can be halfway back to the boat before it's at the right depth. Anglers fishing spinnerbaits will now be able to present the lure properly and get it up to the right speed almost immediately. And anyone fishing buzzbaits will be able to really wake up the fish and make the water sizzle. In fishing worms, the quicker retrieve means better hooksets and less chance of a spit ba it. These are just some of the reasons why Shimano developed its super fast 6:1 gear ratio.

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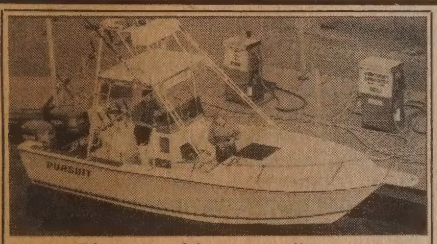

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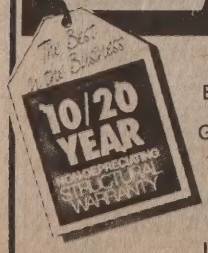

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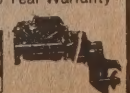

calibrated Magnetic Spool Control on the Bantam SpeedMaster series. It lets the fishermen virtually dial away backlash, because it uses cobalt alloy magnets to balance the speed of the spool against any combination of lure weight, arm strength and casting motion. With it, there is no sacrificing of the fisherman's ability to dial in a true "zero" free spool setting.

The Bantam SpeedMaster series of reels, except models 1550 and 1551, feature two stainless steel ball bearings for quiet, dependable, smooth running efficiency. Both right and left hand models are available.

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Daiwa makes three different weave patterns, each computer designed to enhance the rod action for specific types of fishing.

The Monster Mesh process is used in the construction of seven different series of Daiwa rods, covering actions from ultralight freshwater to extra heavy action saltwater.

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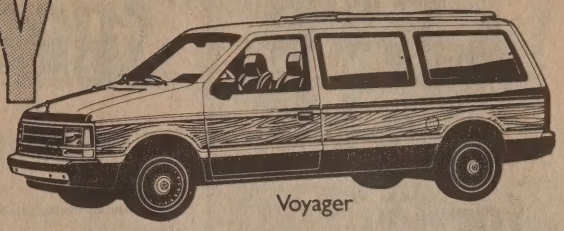

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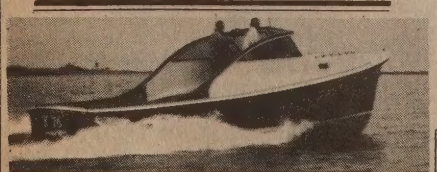

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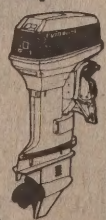

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2. East End Surf Fishing	250	0	15	265
3. Patchogue Fishing Club	141	103	8	252
4. Gateway Striper Club	128	97	0	225
5. High Hill Striper Club	75	126	0	201
6. Striper Surf Club	100	79	0	179
7. Farragut Striper Club	70	77	9	156
8. Hampton Surf Club	81	14	10	105
9. Long Island Surf Fishers	0	99	0	99
10. Paumonok Surfcasters	0	69	0	69
11. Great South Bay Anglers	10	0	0	10

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ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. J. Colby	PFC	113	103	0	216
2. J. McKay	GSC	71	17	0	88
3. J. LoManaco, Jr.	GSC	23	47	0	70
4. J. Paduano	EES	65	0	0	65
5. W. Joseph	PS	0	57	0	57
6. R. Koester	LISA	0	52	0	52
7. R. Lucchesi	MIS	10	0	38	48
8. W. Poillon	EES	47	0	0	47
9. S. Hentschel	EES	45	0	0	45
10. M. Sarro	SSC	10	35	0	45
11. W. Kowal	HSC	43	0	0	43
12. R. Fedyna	EES	43	0	0	43
13. W. Rothwell	SSC	34	9	0	43
14. J. Bernard	FSC	21	21	0	42
15. D. Palmer	MIS	14	26	0	40
16. E. Phillips	MIS	40	0	0	40
17. D. Kerniskey	HHS	0	39	0	39
18. J. Williams	SSC	10	29	0	39
19. G. Innes	FSC	25	13	0	38
20. G. Wade	FSC	0	27	9	36

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. W. Kowal	43 pounds, 8 ounces	HSC
2. W. Rothwell	34 pounds, 3 ounces	SSC
3. R. Poillon	29 pounds, 1 ounce	EES

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Entry

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
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HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Entry

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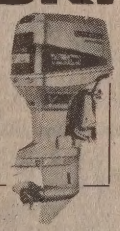

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Product Review

CANYON COOLER FISH BAGS

by John Raguso

With the advent of more anglers trekking to the edge of the continental shelf to put a serious dent in the tuna population nowadays, one product has been spawned to solve a problem that confronts many of us bluewater fanatics. While it's one thing to feel the surge of a century-sized yellowfin tuna on the midnight chunk line and another to troll up a powerful 200 lb. bigeye at dawn's first light, what becomes of these gamesters after they've been brought to the gaff? Many thoughtless fishermen caught up in the blood lust of the dockside "body count" don't realize that these members of the thunnus family, although brawny at the end of a line, are super sensitive biologically speaking and spoil easily if not cared for properly.

In the face of this challenge to eliminate the waste of rotting fish carcasses from littering the decks, enter the right tool for the job: the Canyon Cooler fish bag. This product is unique in that it provides insulated storage for your catch in a lightweight, portable, roll-up format.

These "body bags" are manufactured locally by Arnie Howitt and company at the Canyon Products Shop in Huntington, Long Island. Arnie's been in the boat canvas business for years under the Forean Kustom moniker, and the fish bags are a natural extension of this product line, simply marketed under a different brand identity.

Canyon Coolers are constructed for durability in the harshest of saltwater environments. They feature outer liners made of 14 oz. neoprene, the same stuff that a scuba diver's wet suit is built from. The 18 oz. neprene inner liners are both sewen and heat sealed to discourage any leaks, and are guaranteed against this potential problem for one full year. In-between these two liners is the heart of the cooling system, in the form of a 1/2 inch layer of closed cell foram insulation, in addition to a 1/2 inch layer of dacron fiber fill.

There are five fish bags in the Canyon Cooler product line. The "Small Boat" bag is a popular sized unit that would fill the needs of most anglers who only occasionally venture offshore in search of pelagic species. It measures 50" long by 30" high, and features a heavy duty zippered top with tie-up straps on each end to hold the bag vertically against a gunwale or bulkhead if you have the space for this out-of-the-way storage method. You can expect to carry 3 to 5 yellowfin tuna up to about 200 lbs. total weight in this bag or a few dozen of the gorilla-type blues.

The next sizes are the "Yellowfin" and "Bigeye" fish bags, both of which

measure 40 inches in width. The Yellowfin is the smaller of the two specing out at 5 feet in length, while the Bigeye unit is a full 7 feet long. Acording to Mr. Howitt, these are the ideal bags to take on an overnight junket, and they should hold either 8 to 15 average yellowfins or 1 to 4 bigeye tuna, depending of course, on their size. Four to five bags of ice should be sufficient to keep your catch fresh until you return to port. Both of these bags feature removable innerliners and full length/width zippers which enable them to completely open up to clean and aerate at day's end.

There are also two billfish bags which by their intended use are longer and leaner than the three tuna bags. The smaller of the two is the "White Marlin/Sailfish" fish bag which measures out at 64" long by 17" wide. It is designed to hold billfish up to approximately 120 lbs. The granddaddy bag is the "Blue Marlin" whose specs of 9 feet in length by 30 inches in width would fill up just about any cockpit. Arnie mentioned that this bag features a zipper system that allows two to be jointed together for a whopping 9' by 5' unit that many serious giant tuna anglers find indispensable in keeping their catch fresh for the demanding Japanese buyers. If this is your pursuit, don't forget to bring plenty of ice for this cavernous bag and don't forget to update your NMFS bluefin tuna license.

Mr. Howitt offered a secret tip to allow you to make optimum use of these fish bags. He suggests that you add a can of ordinary table salt to the bag before you put in the ice. Keep the ice in a small insulated cooler until you're ready to use it and put the cubes into the bag immediately after inserting the fish. The salt will mix with the ice to create a brine solution that will be most effective in chilling your catch.

I was very impressed with the quality of these Canyon Coolers and all units were stitched with a heavy duty nylon thread and were equipped with oversized YKK nylon zippers to prevent corrosion. These bags have been perfected over the last three years of manufacture and were tested in their pre-product launch evolutionary stages before that, so the folks at Canyon Custom know how to make these fish bags the right way to stand the test of time! You can purchase these bags at many local tackle shops that specialize in offshore gear, or call Arnie Howitt at (516) 549-9489 to find out how to order direct.

So the next trip you make to the shelf to can a few tuna, take one of these Canyon Coolers with you to prevent cooking them before they are destined for the BBQ grill—and why not let a few of them go to live another day.

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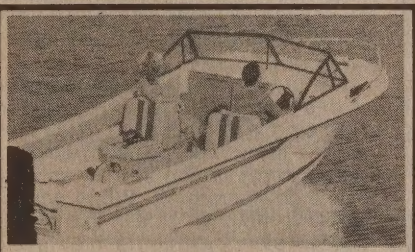

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Captain's Table

PAELLA

by Sal Agliano

If you were to ask a dozen cooks from Spain what goes into making *paella*, you would probably get about 30 different versions. Not only would the cooks differ among themselves, but they would each have two or three variations of their own.

Geography accounts for much of what goes into making this dish. Paella prepared along the coastal cities of Spain, areas which rely heavily on harvests taken from the sea, would be chock-full of seafood including lobster, clams, mussels and a variety of local finfish. Deeper inland where livestock is raised, a small percentage of land animals such as chicken, pork and rabbit would be incorporated into the dish. And in central regions of Spain, the land animals would dominate the dish with little or no seafood used.

I've put together several variations of this classic Spanish dish, ranging from simple to elaborate. Here's one (not too fancy; not too plain) which my guests enjoy eating almost as much as I enjoy preparing. While seafood plays an important role in this version, a subtle blending of other meats adds a pleasant touch to the dish.

Ingredients:

1 dz. little neck clams, fresh and alive
1 dz. mussels, fresh and alive
6 blue claw crabs, cleaned
4 lobster tails
1 lb. medium size shrimp
1 to 1½ lb. tube *chorizo* (Spanish sausage)
1 small frying chicken, about 2½ lbs.
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 lb. boneless pork, cut in cubes
2 small onions, minced finely
4 cloves garlic, crushed
3 large tomatoes, cored, peeled and chopped
salt and pepper to taste
3 cups raw long grain rice
1/4 tsp saffron threads
6 cups water
1 10-oz. pkg. frozen peas, defrosted
1 8-oz. jar roasted peppers
1 cup green olives, pitted and sliced
1 tbsp capers

In Spain, paella is prepared in a special pan. It is called a paella pan (what else?) and is similar in construction and appearance to a Chinese wok. A large baking pan, however, works just as well (I use my wife's lasagna pan) providing it's large enough to hold all the ingredients. For this version of paella, the pan should measure at least 14 inches in diameter and 2½ inches deep.

Before assembling the ingredients in the pan for baking, some preliminary preparations of the meat and seafood are essential.

Let's start with the clams and mussels. Set up two pots, each filled with 2 quarts of cold water. Sprinkle into each pot 4 tablespoons of salt (this simulates a natural environment for the clams and mussels) and 1 cup of corn meal (this helps rid the shellfish of sand as the clams and mussels suck in corn meal and exude sand). Place the clams in one pot, the mussels in the other. Set aside for about an hour.

While the clams and mussels are soaking, split the cleaned crabs in half and pull off the claws. Without removing the shells, cut the lobster tails into 1-inch pieces. Shell the shrimp leaving the tails intact, then make a shallow slit down the back of each shrimp and remove the sand vein. Place the crab pieces and claws, lobster tails and shrimp on a large

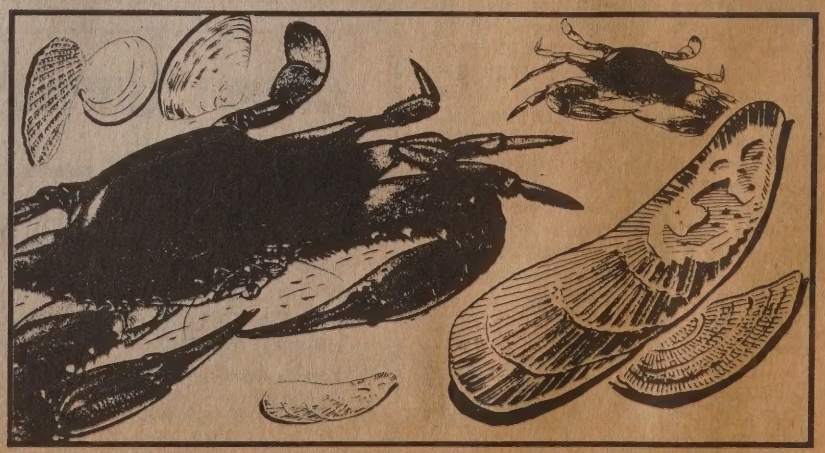


plate and set aside in the refrigerator until ready to use.

After soaking the clams and mussels for an hour, remove them from the salted water and scrub vigorously with a stiff brush under cold running water to remove all debris. Trim beards from mussels. Set clams and mussels on another plate and set aside along with other seafood in refrigerator.

Cut the chicken into parts: legs, thighs, wings, breasts, backs and neck; set aside. Remove giblets from the packing pouch and chop coarsely; set chopped giblets aside in a bowl.

Cut the chorizo (Spanish sausage) into 1/2 inch pieces and boil in a pan of water for about 10 minutes. Remove sausage from water, drain and pat dry; set aside.

Line a large platter with wads of paper toweling to be used for draining the meats and seafood to be fried. Heat half of the olive oil called for in the recipe (1/4 cup) in a large fry pan. Add chicken parts and brown well, turning the pieces over several times. Remove chicken from fry pan and drain on paper-lined platter.

Fry chorizo slices quickly in hot oil; remove and drain. Next add the cut up lobster tails, crab and shrimp to hot oil and fry briefly; drain.

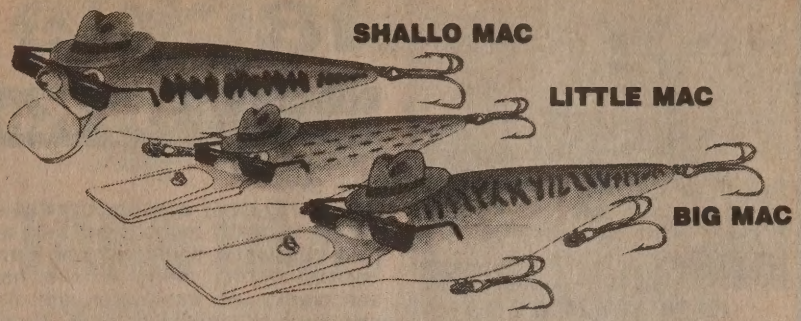
The final meat ingredients to be fried are the pork and chicken giblets. These form the basis for the sauce called *sofrito*. Discard the used olive oil from the fry pan and replace it with the remaining 1/4 cup of oil. Heat the fresh olive oil, then add the boneless pork cubes. Brown quickly on all sides. Add to the pork, the chopped chicken giblets and fry quickly. Add the onions, garlic and chopped tomatoes. Cook briskly over a high flame until liquid has been reduced and the sauce is thickened; stir continuously. Remove pan from heat, stir in salt and pepper (taste and adjust to desired seasoning) and set aside.

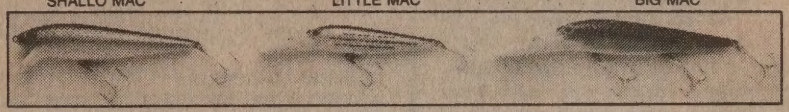
In a saucepan, heat the 6 cups of water to a rolling boil. Pour boiled water into a large baking pan (make sure it's large enough!). Stir in the sofrito, saffron, and raw rice. On top of the stove, heat the mixture right in the baking pan to the boil, stirring continuously. Once boiled, remove the baking pan from heat and arange crab pieces and claws, lobster tails, shrimp, chorizo slices, chicken parts, clams and mussels over the rice. Cut roasted peppers into thin strips, then scatter pepper strips, peas, olive slices and capers over all.

Place the pan into a preheated oven set at 400 degrees and bake undisturbed for about 1/2 hour or until liquid has been absorbed and the rice is tender.

Serve hot right from the pan into individual dishes. Almost always, the rice will form a light brown crust at the bottom of the pan. If it is not too badly charred, it can be scraped up in chunks and served with the rest of the dish. This tasty pan scraping, called *pegao* by the Spanish, is considered a delicacy.

The "Blues" Brothers





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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

Recently I have come across something that really bothers me. I am an avid freshwater fisherman and have enjoyed eating many of the fish associated with freshwater, with the exception of largemouth bass. I firmly believe in catch and release for the black bass in order to preserve this great sport.

What bothers me is that many people won't eat the fish that come from freshwater such as white and yellow perch, trout; any fish from the pike family and many others because they are afraid of pollutants. However, the same people will eat saltwater fish, especially fluke and flounder which eat and live right on the bottom. From what I hear, they believe that most pollutants and carcinogens originate in freshwater. I could see this being the case in ponds and lakes that do not drain or have feeder streams. However, most lakes have streams flowing in and out of them and eventually end up in the ocean.

Should I be concerned about eating freshwater fish and are they any better or worse than eating saltwater fish? *Wayne Rigg.*

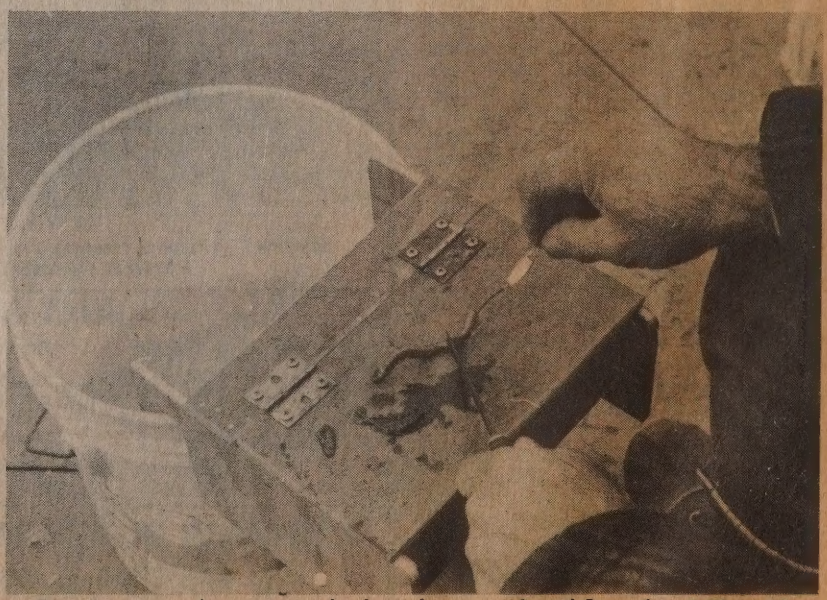
Dear Wayne,

You make a very valid point about where freshwater eventually ends up: in the ocean. So, if a bad chemical or other pollutant is consistently dumped into a river or stream the result is that the chemicals are eventually found in the food chain all along the affected water and on out to the ocean. Most freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers and streams are perfectly safe to eat the fish that are caught there. However, there are bad areas in almost every state that the angler should avoid.

Since you said that you fish in New Jersey I gave a call to Freshwater Bureau Chief Bruce Pyle, and he discussed two freshwater areas where it is unsafe to take fish for consumption because of chemical pollution. In Camden County all waters in the western portion of the county are unsafe due to chloradane pollution. In Passaic county there is a problem with Dioxin pollution downstream of the Dundee dam. The Chloradane pollution may have been the result of extensive use for termite control and vermin control in orchids; the Dioxin pollution is the result of leaching from storage drums placed alongside the river.

The State has set up a monitoring program to locate other possibly harmfully polluted sites and to determine if the sites already located are becoming "safer" from the natural breakdown of the chemicals. Concerned residents shoudl call their State's Freshwater Fisheries Department to determine if such sites exist in their states.

It must be reiterated that most of



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the fish that you catch in freshwater are perfectly safe to eat. The problem of pollution is not one that is confined to freshwater. PCBs in striped bass and bluefish is a well documented case of dangerous chemicals ending up in food fish that many people enjoy eating. PCBs concentrate in the fatty tissue of fish, which in bluefish is the darker meat which runs along the back. Cut these areas out to get rid of most of the PCBs.

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Dear Doc,

I recently purchased a styrofoam worm box. I like the idea of this worm box because it's reversible and insulated, but the directions are not complete. They say in part "fill box half full with good soil/ground oak leaf mixture." I plan to use worm bedding if I can find it. Also, the directions say, "worms will stay alive indefinitely if kept moist, fed, and at room temperature," but they fail to say what these wiggly guys eat. Thus, my question is, what do sandworms and bloodworms like to eat?

Robert E. Jackson.

Dear Robert,

It's good to hear that you like the new worm box that you purchased, and I'm sure it will work well with holding the bloodworms or sandworms during your fishing trips. However, the instructions which you give excerpts from above are for regular earthworms or night crawlers, not the annelid worms of the North Atlantic coastal waters. Earthworms will stay alive for a long time if kept moist, at room temperature and are fed a variety of food such as oak leaves, grass clippings and just about any other vegetable organic matter.

Sandworms and bloodworms are a different story altogether. Both worms are found under rocks, in seaweed, and buried in the mud and sand along the beaches and in tidal waters. The worms may be stalked at night with the help of a flashlight and pitchfork, or you may find some by digging in likely areas along the beach where you see bubbles coming out of the sand as the waves wash over it. Sandworms are usually found a bit deeper than the bloodworms.

These worms may be kept about three weeks if kept at temperatures between 38 to 40 degrees. Store them with common grassweed which most tackle shops supply when they sell you the worms. Keep the bloodworms separate from sandworms as bloodworms may attack and kill their close cousins. Also, the fluid from spawning bloodworms will kill both sandworms and bloodworms. It's fairly easy to detect a spawning bloodworm because if you hold the worm by one end the insides will flow to the bottom end.

One final note: Sandworms and bloodworms refuse to eat while in captivity and as such, you will not be able to keep and feed these wiggly baits from the brine.

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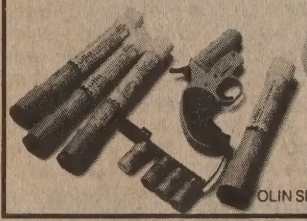

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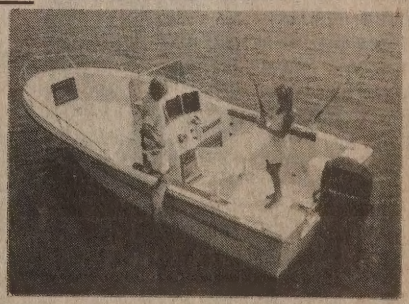

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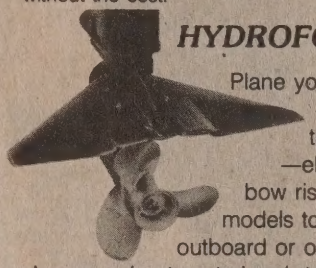

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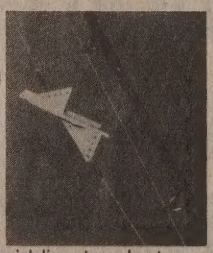

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

Several weeks ago you recommended mounting a transducer on the hull of a boat to eliminate noise during high speed operation. If the transducer sends the sound signal through a fiberglass hull won't this reduce the signal strength for both transmit and receive operation? I should think that a transducer physically mounted through the hull would work much more efficiently.

Rick Maloney.

Dear Rick,

You are correct. A sonar signal that passes through a fiberglass hull will be weaker than one that goes directly into the water. I asked Mr. Butch Plank of Humminbird about this and he said the signal loss is minimal and if you want to have high speed operation this loss will be a small price to pay. Keep in mind that some boat hulls will allow high speed sonar operation with the transducer mounted on the transom, but for those hulls where this setup does not work, shooting through the hull is the best alternative.

A transducer mounted through the hull could be a solution in some cases. Once again, it depends on the type of hull you own.

The transducer should be mounted on a horizontal plane to the bottom. If you have a deep V hull it's going to be difficult to find a flat place where the transducer can be mounted. Boats with a flatter hull style may find the through hull fitting works fine. Please do not mount a through hull fitting transducer yourself unless you have some experience in this type of work. Drilling a 2 inch or larger hole in the bottom of your boat is not a job for amateurs. The transducer must be mounted securely, blocked and then sealed to a watertight condition. Anything less will result in disaster.

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Dear Eric,

I received a Penn downrigger for Christmas and I want to mount it on my boat, but I am afraid the strain may be too much for the gunnel. Do you have any suggestions that would ensure a solid platform for this unit.

Ralph Penley.

Dear Ralph,

You are correct to be concerned about the strain placed on the mounting platform when your downrigger is in use. The combined force generated from the weight of the ball plus the water pressure on the steel cable can put a severe strain on the gunnel or transom.

My Penn Fathomaster is mounted on the stern deck and after two seasons shows no sign of stress. I have an I/O, so there is plenty of room to mount the unit and lots of fiberglass to carry the load.

If you feel the slightest bit concerned about the ability of your gunnel to support the downrigger, you should reinforce it. I suggest a 1/2 to 3/4 inch

piece of marine grade plywood mounted under the deck, or an aluminum plate. Cut the plywood as big as possible so you spread the load out over the widest area. How big you can make the plywood backing will depend on the amount of open space under the deck or gunnel washboard.

This same type of backing is also used to support outriggers which can also exert a good deal of force on the gunnel. You should epoxy the wood to the deck and seal the edges with caulk just to be on the safe side.

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Dear Eric,

I recently purchased a used boat, motor and trailer. Everything is in good shape except the Powerwinch on the trailer. I can't make the winch work. Do you know of anyone who can repair these units.

David Samsone.

Dear David,

I recently sent my Powerwinch to the factory for repairs. They have their own service department where the maximum charge to repair one of their products is $20 labor plus parts. Even with the cost of shipping you can't find a better deal than this.

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To find out more about their repair service, you can call toll free 1-800-243-3097 or write Powerwinch, 810 Union Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06607.

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Dear Eric,

Recently I read an advertisement about props made from material called "Bayaloy."

The manufacturer claims they are stronger and the price is a fraction of stainless steel.

Can these props be reconditioned same as stainless or aluminum, and are they everything the manufacturer claims?

I appreciate any information you can give me since I'm thinking about buying one. *John Binford.*

Dear John,

I called the folks at Triple Edge Engineering and they assured me their Bayaloy props can be reconditioned by any prop shop capable of reconditioning a stainless prop. You cannot, however, change the pitch of a Bayaloy prop.

As to verifying the claims for this piece of equipment made by the manufacturer, I can only tell you that the company has been in business for some time and they do stand behind their product. You can contact them by writing Triple Edge Engineering, P.O. Box 1427, Suberban Blvd. and Route 130, Delran, NJ 08075 or phone (609) 461-4749.

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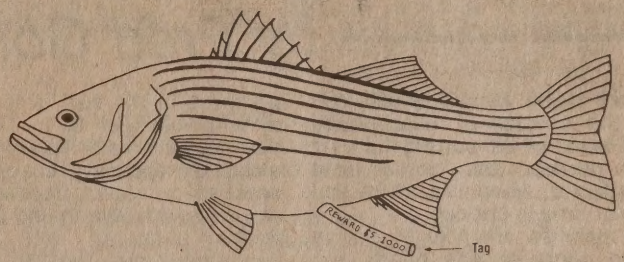

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FORMULA FOR SURF FISHING SUCCESS

by Fred Golofaro

There are many factors which can dictate the success of beachbound anglers. And, while putting in your time is perhaps the single most deciding factor, when and where you put in that time is critical.

Some surfmen are able to put in unlimited hours on the beach and you're likely to find them pounding the sand day after day or night after night. Some will continuously work the same stretch of shore while others prefer constant changes of scenery. Whatever their preference, the odds are with these folks that by the time the snowflakes start flying, they will have racked up some pretty impressive numbers.

Since most of us do not have an unlimited amount of time to scour the surf, we must rely on "fishing smart" to make the most of the limited time available to us. Ideally, we want to locate bass, blues or weaks and spend a minimum amount of effort and time in doing so. "Ideally" means this isn't always going to be the case but there is a simple and obvious formula for making these efforts pay off, more times than not.

While there will be an exception here and there (nothing is absolute in surf fishing, or any kind of fishing for that matter), the key to locating the big three in the surf is to pin down concentrations of bait. The "bait" may be sand eels, herring, bunker, anchovies, spearing, snappers, baby weakfish or mullet depending upon where you are fishing and the time of year.

Very simply put: the fish are where the bait is. Locate a concentration of bait in an area which is known to produce game fish and your chance at success rises dramatically. There have been many times when I have spent more time searching for bait than actually fishing. Here again, the more time you have to spend, the more effective this formula becomes. It's a standard practice of ours when travelling to places such as Cape Cod, Nantucket or Rhode Island, to spend the daytime hours seeking out concentrations of baitfish and then returning to those areas after dark.

While it's easy to allocate daytime hours to searching for bait when on vacation, it's a whole different ballgame when you're home and caught up in the daily routine of work and family. Still, it's possible to improve the quality of your fishing time by dedicating some of your energies to locating bait, but on a lesser scale.

One of the more frequently asked questions at our surf fishing workshops is how do you know how long to stick with a particular spot on the beach. The presence or lack of bait plays a big part in how much effort I expend in an area. When tide conditions for a specific location are "right" and there are no signs of baitfish in the area, you can bet I'm not going to wear myself out casting. On some stretches of shore, it is possible to keep moving several hundred feet at a time until eventually you locate baitfish. Other locations might require jumping into the car or buggy and making a move of a couple of miles or more.

How you locate baitfish is frequently dependent upon the type of water you're fishing. The most difficult situation for many novices to pick out schools of bait is along the open sand beaches of the ocean. Being able to see tiny baitfish in a heavy surf is not easy but there are some very reliable clues to the presence of bait that apply to ocean beaches as well as to calm water areas.

The presence of slicks on the surface (they resemble oil slicks) is a sure sign that baitfish are present in an area. There is also a good chance that there are game fish feeding on these baitfish well below the surface. On

Baitfish stranded by a dropping tide are a sure sign that game fish have been active in the area. ***John Fritz photo.***

numerous occasions on beach and boat, we have been successful by simply moving with and fishing these slicks.

Diving terns or gulls are an obvious sign but pay close attention to clusters of birds sitting on and occasionally picking at the water. Nine out of ten times those birds are sitting on baitfish.

There are more obvious surface signs such as bunker slapping the surface, small patches of bait spraying out of the water and schools of bait disturbing the surface with what to the uneducated eye, might appear to be nothing more than a wind ripple. Keen observation should be a top priority for any astute surfcaster as it plays a vital role in revealing the presence of both bait and fish.

There are other things to look for in your search for bait. Very often, masses of bait appear simply as a dark patch below the surface. I've resorted to lobbing a rock or a cast into areas where I thought I spotted baitfish, but wasn't quite sure. Very often, landing a lure or rock into a suspected school of bait will result in at least some of them panicking and spraying the surface. Another clue, and a very obvious one at that, is finding baitfish washed up on the beach during a dropping tide. Believe it or not, I've had casters ask me what those baitfish were doing all over the sand? When confronted with slaughter by ravenous blues or bass, many baitfish frequently opt for the lesser of two evils as these game fish "corner" them against the shore. Bluefish are the most likely culprit but I've seen big bass draw the same response from bunker and squid.

In quiet water, and particularly after dark, gentle wading will often disturb shore hugging baitfish. I make it a regular practice to use my light (with discretion) in these calm water situations to identify the type, size and density of bait in the area. Wade out a short distance, turn and face the beach and direct your beam on the surface immediately around you. Spraying beams of light all over the surface will do nothing to ingratiate you to any neighboring surfmen that may be nearby.

Keep in mind that structure such as rocks, rips, jetties, sluiceways, pilings, etc., all attract baitfish. You will often find your baitfish source in these areas. When there is simply no visible sign of bait, then concentrating your efforts around existing structure is a smart bet. Some people, myself included, are able to recognize the distinct smells omitted from concentrations of baitfish and game fish. If you're blessed with a sensitive nose (that's debatable in some non-fishing situations), you have one more tool to work with.

And then, there will be times when the biggest complaint on the beach will be "too much bait making the fish fussy" in their eating habits. Well, I for one would rather contend with fussy fish as opposed to no fish.

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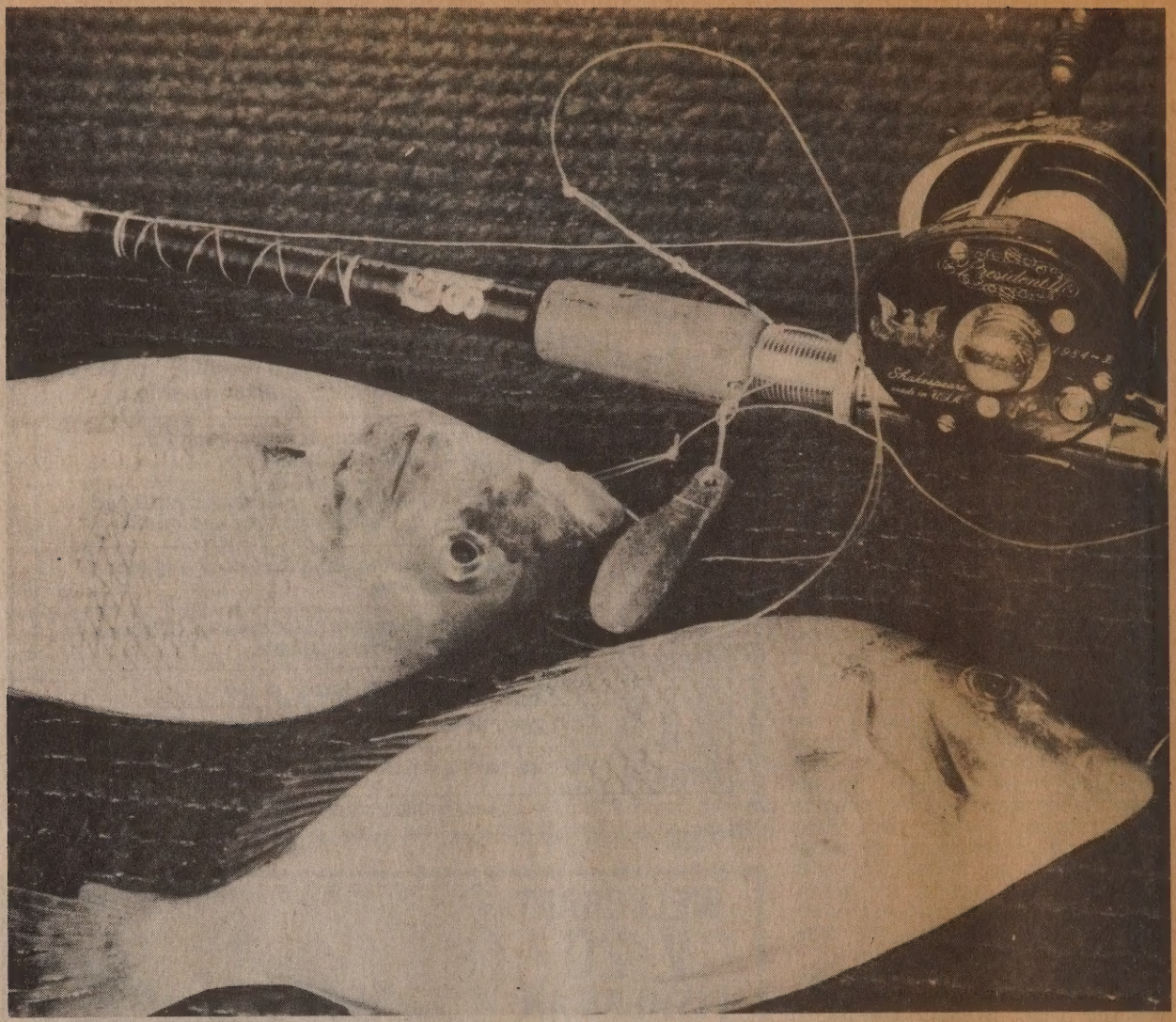

LONG ISLAND SOUND:
FUN WITH PORGIES

by William A. Muller

I've always thought of porgies as being the summertime equivalent of the winter flounder, because in most seasons they are very plentiful and easy to catch. In terms of several discussions this year about taking children fishing, this would be another species to add to the list along with flounder, snapper blues, and fluke.

You don't have to trek off to deep ocean wrecks to catch porgies, or scup, as New Englanders prefer, since there are usually lots of smaller fish in the bays, harbors, and other close-in waters. Combine their availability close to shore with tranquil and stable summer weather and you have the makings of safe fun and a great way to introduce children to fishing.

Make no mistake, porgies will teach anyone on the basics; right from rigs to hook setting. Therefore, the fish shouldn't be taken lightly just because it may be lightweight.

About a hundred or so years ago this species was considered a trash fish in many areas where it was caught. Netters were especially annoyed when schools of porgies interfered with the taking of "more desirable" species. That's all changed around today. It didn't take us forever to realize that this fish is very tasty and as a bonus, it freezes well. In the current marketplace, porgies often fetch a price comparable to fluke.

It has been suggested that the only thing preventing even greater demand for the species is its bony flesh. However, although the abundant number of small bones around the visceral cavity may be a definite drawback on the commercial market, there is no reason why a recreational fisherman should have to suffer the fate of bones in the flesh. Commercial preparation of fish is rather rigid of

technique; often fish are filleted by machine. However, we have the option to clean a fish any way we wish.

We may be putting the cart before the horse here, since it is customary to discuss how-to before table hints, but I feel this is such a key in preventing many fishermen from pursuing the fish, that it warrants discussion up front. Very small sand porgies are tough to fillet. Thus, if you insist on keeping fish of less than 3/4 lbs., you have reduced your choices to—cook it whole and suffer with bones, or try to fillet it and have virtually no flesh per fillet. We have developed the habit of returning smaller fish without hesitation. Fish over a pound are easily filleted.

It is best to scale scup before filleting it. I don't recommend this usually, but the scales are so tough on a porgy that they often dull your fillet knife in a flash. A good scaler will help make the job quick and painless. Now fillet the back of the fish and the rear part of the underbelly as you would any other fish. The key to non-bony fillets will be the work you do on the front abdominal region. What I suggest is to make a severe diagonal cut from the pectoral (side) fin towards the anal vent. This by-passes the abdominal region. You lose some flesh and you may have some sense of waste, but remember how much got wasted last time when no one would eat the fish because of too many bones. Skin in the usual manner.

You can cook porgy in a variety of ways, but I like to dip them in egg, then bread crumbs, and deep fry them, fast and hot! The meat is flaky and white and the taste is succulent.

I hope I have succeeded in convincing you that you can provide your table with porgy fillets that are virtually bone free. That being assumed true, let's get on to the how-to. Although there are many rigs used successfully for porgy, all have one thing in common: simplicity. The better anglers always keep the hardware and other embellishments to a minimum. There are several reasons for this. First, often porgy will be caught in rocky areas or around wrecks. Thus, there could be a potential to lose a lot of rigs. Keeping the rigs simple, cuts down on the expense when the rigs are lost. Second, hardware and other stuff used as part of the rigging catches more weeds than fish.

You can purchase porgy rigs at your local bait and tackle dealer. Some folks prefer to do this since local dealers will sell rigs that are best suited to local conditions. Therefore, the fisherman gets the best rig for the conditions.

However, if you prefer to make your own you have a choice. There have been many articles on porgy fishing at Montauk, South Shore, Peconics and on wrecks covered by well known people like Matt Ahern. I won't try to reinvent the wheel. Instead, I'd like to discuss the porgy fishing potential in Long Island Sound. If you fish there, then the standard two hook rig is probably your best shot. Start with about 3 to 3½ feet of 40 pound test leader material. Tie a dropper loop about six inches off the bottom and another about 18 inches above the first. Attach barrel swivels to each dropper loop. Add another barrel swivel to the upper end of the length of leader. The open end of the barrel swivels can be attached to your main line. Now cut two, 2-foot lengths of leader material. Snell a #1 Sproat hook to the end of each leader and tie the free end to the barrel swivel off each dropper loop. You can then use a perfection loop or simple overhand knot to attach your sinker. You are ready for the Long Island Sound hotspots.

Porgies run the Sound from end to end. We could start with the lighthouse off Sands Point and stop at the lighthouse off Orient Point. The fish will be bigger in spots and smaller in others, but the pattern of where to look and how to catch them is essentially the same. I've found I do best around rocks, or pilings, or rock piles made by man. Therefore, the light at Sands Point, Execution Rocks, Lloyd Harbor Lighthouse and various inlet jetties work great. So do natural structures, where glaciers have left sentinel reminders of periods when advancing ice carried with it great boulders from Canada. In fact, to sum it up, fish for porgy in the summer in the same places where you would fish for blackfish in late spring or fall. Just about the time the first good cold spell hits in October, the blacks will return hot on the heels of the retreating scup.

Sand worm is probably the best bait overall as it is in most place, but tough pieces of clam should not be ignored. Big skimmer clams opened on deck and allowed to "mellow" in the sun for awhile gets them toughened up a bit. Clam will be a poor choice when bergalls are pesty, but in a "clean" area clams work well.

Unlike blackfishing, porgy fishing requires a quick hand. There are few fish that can match the porgy in bait stealing. No slack line should be tolerated. It is suggested that the fisherman be in contact with the bait at all times. A sharp upward flick of the wrist is recommended at the first sign of a nibble. Should you fail to react with speed, your bait will be gone and so, too, the porgy.

Since speed of bottom contact is so important, most regulars suggest conventional tackle over spinning. Baits can be lowered more easily with conventional tackle, the clutch engaged and you are ready for the hit.

Chum pots are often used to establish a dense school of scup around your boat, and clam is the usual chumming material, although ground bunker works well, too.

Keep the tackle light and bring plenty of bait for a great day out on the water and the possibility of a great seafood meal later.

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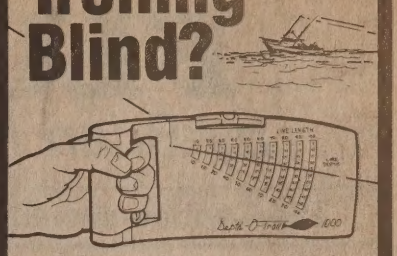

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DOCKSIDE FLUKE

by Brian Mulholland

The Captree shoreline provides a laid back approach to fluke fishing.

Anglers looking for a pleasant day's casting for a tasty target can find it with fluke. These carnivorous flatfish are in good supply off the South Shore from June through early September. For much of that time, they are within reach of the shore caster. If soaking bait is too dull and you want to cast, the fluke are available. I wish I could say the same for the North Shore, but few if any fluke seem to come within reach of the Sound's shore casters.

Anyway, fluke anglers without boats can manage a pick of fish for much of the season. A shorebound angler looks for the same kind of geography as a small boat fisherman would seek. Holes, boat channels or other current obstructions offer the best possibilities. Shorecasters use baits and lures similar to those that a boat anglers would select. Killies tethered behind a sinker, bucktail jigs garnished with squid, and small tin squids all do a workable job on the flatties.

Fluke often work within easy reach of shorebound anglers.

Shore fishermen looking for fluke generally don't work too hard to get at their fish. I look for them myself mainly when I'm too lazy to chase blues or weaks. The fishing piers at Captree, Robert Moses and Jones Beach are always well attended by fluke fishermen. On a pleasant June day at Captree the fishing pier is jammed with people swimming live killies in the current for fluke. Many of them come equipped with picnic baskets and radios, and the pier gets as raucous as Yankee Stadium.

Boat basins are pretty decent places to fish. They afford the angler access to calm water next to a channel, exactly the terrain that a skiff sharpie would seek out. But if you're willing to work beyond the pier and to spend your time casting, you may be able to do better than the more comfortable fishermen on the dock. After all, with the number of anglers those piers may hold, the number of fish per head can't be very large. Most days most people aren't going to get a legally keepable fluke.

So the better way to do this is not to sit, but to walk. Bring yourself a medium weight spinning rig, or something larger if you prefer. Arm yourself with bucktails or killies according to taste (if the former, bring squid strips for a scent garnish). Rig up and start the morning in the boat basin itself, being careful not to bother the boatmen. When the party boats rev up, so should you. Then do some walking and casting, hunting for places where boat channels or depressions edge toward the shore.

This is a mildly lazy, genial kind of late spring and early summer fishing. The boat basin fringe which I fish most often is that at Captree. My favorite fishing tool is the bucktail jig, garnished with bait strips, because I like to be busy casting. Eight pound line on a middle weight spinning reel is adequate, and 12 would provide a substantial margin of strength. It would also reduce my ability to scratch bottom with smallish bucktails, which is why I stick to the lighter line.

Captree has a fishing pier, but it's usually too crowded for my taste. I

usually start my walk by the pier, walk along the shoreline to the ruins of the other, and continue down to Robert Moses Bridge for as long as interest and legs will sustain me. Even in May the sun can be fierce on a bare white beach, so I prefer my fishing in the morning. In theory, this should also maximize the chance of meeting a stray weakfish. I haven't managed that yet, though I catch small bluefish along with the fluke.

There are shallow areas that fringe the area out to the boat channel especially at the east end of Captree Island. It's unlikely that all this bottom is flat, though it might seem so from shore. No doubt there are little pockets and depressions in that flat area and the fluke hang out in these pockets. This is why it is possible to work your way along the shore for 30 minutes without result, and then suddenly pick several fluke in quick succession. But the geography of the bottom within casting distance changes too rapidly for any instructions to be worth setting down as to where to fish. Instead, work the bottom methodically, using a light line and a slow retrieve to touch as much area as you can. Be careful about letting it sit still—you'll lose bucktails. You're going to do that anyway, but there's no reason to cut the trip short because you run out of jigs.

If you see a patch of deeper water within casting distance, work it over thoroughly. You should also scratch the lip that separates the 3 to 4 foot from the 1 to 2 foot depths; the distinction is small, but it seems to matter to the fluke. Expect most of the fluke you take to be short. The smaller fluke are a little quicker to chase a jig than larger fish would be, so return them to the water as you would return them from a party boat.

Bridge pilings offer fine current obstructions. Their bases are also festooned with jig-eating scrap of all kinds. I don't think I could have lost more jigs around the base of Robert Moses Causeway, specifically the last span to Fire Island, if it were wrapped with a steel net. If I ever own a jig factory, I'll take the time to work that particular area thoroughly. In theory the pilings should hold fluke well. There is deeper water immediately west of the bridge which does hold fluke, but it's heavily pounded by shore and boat anglers.

The other way to look for fluke from shore is to launch a killie out there and let him swim around on a leash. This requires a little care, to avoid tearing the killie off the hook. Use a small hook and a small killie. If you find that your hook keeps coming ashore without any bait, change your hooking arrangement or slow down the cast, or do both. Once you have your killie out there, fish it slowly all the way back to your feet. Work the sinker back to you in foot long tugs to make sure that the killie wobbles within reach of every fluke between sinker splash down and your feet. You never really know where they're going to be.

The eastern tip of Captree Island is worth fishing. The party boats that leave the boat basin for the West Channel or Ocean Beach pass over a surprising number of fluke. (It's not a location I would stop to fish if I were a boat captain.) This is a good spot to give your jig or killie plenty of exercise. It's beyond the fishing sweep of the pier fishermen, but it's a classic fluke location—a flat with access to a channel, which connects several semi-distinct bodies of water. I suspect that part of its appeal used to be the proximity of a bait dock which may have leaked some fish from time to time. The dock is gone now, but at least the bottom configuration is still intact. For shore casting for fluke, it's hard to find a better hole.

It's always fun to bring a new technique to a familiar location. Even if it doesn't produce, it may keep your interest up. This year I'm going to try using a wooden plug with screw eyes as a casting weight to cast a killie and see if I can drag the killie over new bottom. At low tide it may be possible to drop the plug into the channel, let it float, and let it tow the killie to channel fringes that would otherwise be out of reach. But even if this doesn't work, it will still be possible to park quickly at the boat basin and be fishing within ten minutes. It's a good way to fish when you only have an hour or two to use.

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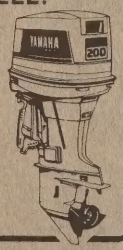

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PLANERS FOR BLUES

by Pete Barrett

1987 seems destined to go down in fishing history as a banner year for bluefish. They are literally everywhere, from the beaches to the distant offshore grounds. Plenty of surf and jetty anglers tell of blues right at the edge of the surf, while sharkers are being harassed by large hordes of big bluefish up to 50 or more miles off the beach.

For the inshore boater the large numbers of blues means good to excellent fishing nearly everyday. Most inshore fishermen have been trolling bluefish since May and it doesn't look like the action is going to slow down.

Despite the generous supply of bluefish, however, everyone isn't catching them in large quantities. On one trip last week I heard several guys complaining of slow fishing. The message on the VHF was "There's nothing out here today," yet our cooler was nearly full and the several charter boats around us also had good catches. The right technique can make all the difference in the world.

Trolling and chumming will remain the most effective way to catch bluefish until they start to school up in heavier concentrations in late summer and into the fall. Up until that time, the fish will continue to be less tightly packed, sometimes even scattered over a large area, and they are holding relatively high up in the water column. Jigging isn't as productive as later in the season unless you chum the fish within range of the jigs. Chumming is a blast on light tackle, but trolling is also consistent and less costly.

One effective way to troll blues is with planers, an old-fashioned method that caught well a hundred years ago and works even better today. At the turn of the century they were fished on hand lines and were quite large in size. Today there are numerous sizes of planers from small light tackle sizes suitable for 20 pound test line to very large ones meant for work with stout heavy tackle and 60 pound line.

Small planers are usually labeled size #0 or #00. As the numbers get larger, so do the planers, from #1 to #5. I've seen a #8 planer in Florida that was used for king mackerel fishing, but I've never seen anyone use larger than a #5 size in the Northeast.

There is no uniformity in planer sizes from one manufacturer to another. I've been using Great Bay Planers for several years and have matched them up to Old Salty planers and other "no name" or homemade planers and while the sizes and labeling are close, they are not identical. The important thing is that they all work well and they will run at approximately the same depths.

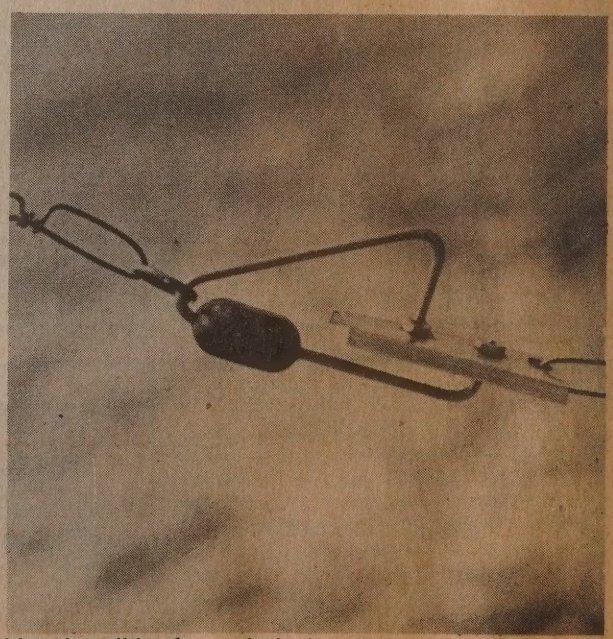
Planers are made of several parts that work together to take your fishing line down to the feeding level of the fish. Lately most of the blues have been holding at depths from 15 to 40 feet, depending on the depth of the bottom and time of day. Most planers will run from 10 to 30 feet deep so they are just about perfect artillery for blues on most summer days.

The actual depth the planers reach is determined by the size of the planer, the lead weight and the speed of the boat. A fast trolling speed will make the planers dig deeper and larger planers will generally run deeper than smaller ones.

A lead weight at the forward end of the planer causes it to ride at a down angle. The down angle allows the stainless steel wing to cut deep into the water. A brass ring or swivel rides on a brass rod on the front of the planer and this ring attaches to the main fishing line from the reel with a snap swivel.

With the fishing line attached to the ring, the lure leader is attached with a snap swivel to the aft edge of the planer wing. While trolling, the line ring is held at the top of the planer, but when a fish hit the planer trips and the ring slides forward. With the ring at the forward edge of the planer, there is no diving action and little pressure to interfere with the fight of the fish.

The only thing tricky about fishing planers is getting them "loaded" so they ride nose down to cut into the



Loaded planer with line snap at top of planer. When fish hits, ring slides forward tripping planer and minimizing water drag so fish can be played with maximum sport.

water. The resistance of the lure at the end of the leader causes the planer to trip easily as you drop it back behind the boat. The easiest way to load the planer is to let the lure, leader and planer stream out about 20 feet from the boat. Raise the rod tip high and then drop the tip quickly to place momentary slack in the line. The slack allows the lead weight to drop the nose of the planer to the right angle and lets the ring slide to the top position. Once loaded, the pressure of the water against the wing keeps the planer in the proper position. The lure should be dropped back to a position about 100 to 150 feet behind the boat. Only the strike of a fish trips the planer.

Leader length can be critical. I usually use a 30 foot length of 40 pound leader but have frequently gone to longer leaders if the fish are ignoring the lures. If there is a drawback to using planers it is this long leader which must be hand-lined after the planer is reeled to the rod tip.

A variety of lures will work well trolled from planers. Among the favorites are spoons, swimming plugs, surgical tubes, bucktails, Hoochie style skirt lures and nylons. My three favorites are tubes, spoons and nylons. The best colors for tubes and nylons include green, yellow, red and orange.

Rods need to be stiff enough to handle not only good sized bluefish, but also the resistance and pressure of the diving action of the planer. On large planers this pressure can be considerable and will put quite a bend in a rod. A common rod is a 20 or 30 pound class big game trolling rod blank, but instead of roller guides, the newer alloy guides are used.

I install a roller at the tip for more protection against the planer than for line friction. The roller tiptops are able to withstand the crashing from a planer that is reeled right into the rod tip by mistake (visiting non-fishermen often do this). Lightweight tiptops don't seem to last too long with enthusiastic reelers.

Reels need to be large enough to handle 20 to 50 pound line. Light tackle is definitely out when using planers due to the pressure they exert on the tackle as they are pulled behind the boat. Most anglers use 20 or 30 pound line with the small #0 to #1 planers, 40 to 50 pound with the larger sizes.

Planers are a fun way to catch bluefish during the summer months. Many fishermen believe they are more sporting than wire line and they can be used on generally lighter tackle than wire would call for. After the strike, the planer loses most of its water resistance and pull, so the fight of a bluefish of even small size is quite enjoyable.

Chances are your present trolling tackle will work just fine with the planers so they help keep your tackle costs down. Best of all, planers are a proven method that will increase your take of bluefish.

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BETTER FLUKING

Part Two—by Matt Ahern

A "master" sinker bouncer shares a wealth of fluking knowledge.

As noted in Part One, fluke rigging is simple—don't attempt to make it difficult with all those gizmos on the market.

Hooks should be snelled on a three foot leader for best results. (I'm not too keen about those 18 inch and two footers. The longer the leader, the better—within reason, of course. At times, I've gone to four feet with good results under certain circumstances. But never over that.) Place your leader about two/three inches above a bank sinker of suitable weight, with or without the aid of a three-way swivel.

I can't tell you the exact sinker weight to use because many factors such as strength of current, rate of drift, and so on, enter into it. But if your sinker is heavy enough to hold bottom, yet not put a set in the rod tip, you'll be all right. This is why medium weight tackle is so much better to use than the light stuff.

Don't forget a net and don't hesitate to use it on every fish. Fluke have a cute trick of shaking free when lifted aboard. You'll find, too, that so well do they accomplish this feat, some of your fluke will be lying hook-free in the net. Many a pool winning fluke has been lost because the fisherman thought he could handle the fish alone.

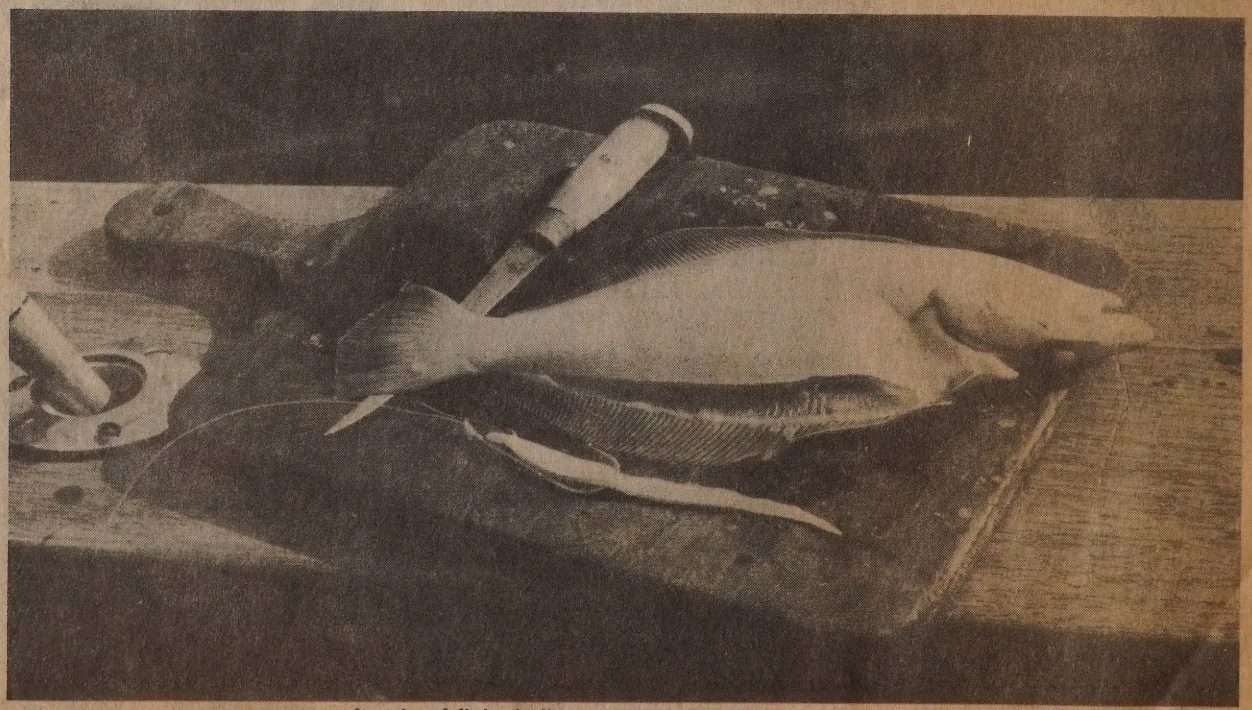
I don't think there is a better fluke bait for fishing the bays and ocean beaches than a lively two inch killie. Next in preference would be a strip of sea robin tail, a three inch slice of fluke belly, a whole spearing (preferably fresh) and a three-four inch strip of squid. In that order. The order of choice is mine and mine alone. Some experienced fluke fishermen might dispute this order of preference, I'm sure; but this is what works for me.

I find fluke belly produces extremely well when fishing the ocean, especially when used in combination with a lively killie. Sea robin, spearing and squid can be used to good advantage in all bays, creek and channels, and while drifting the ocean beaches around inlets. Some days sea robin works wonders in all areas. There's just no way of foretelling what will work best, but fishermen armed with live killies and who work them slowly, always have the edge.

If the killy is hooked through the mouth and out the gill cover (carefully!), you'll find it remaining frisky a good, long time. When using spearing, run the hook through the head, then back into the body about mid-point. Allow the hook to protrude. Doing it this way causes the spearing to lie straight along the hook shank. This will keep it from spinning as you drift and jig. (Using a three-way swivel helps, but does not completely eliminate the problem.) Not only will your offering appear natural when rigged in this manner, but I'm sure no self-respecting fluke would go near a spearing that is twisting and twirling along the bottom like a whirling dervish.

Some fishermen hook spearing only once and this through the head. They claim the bait appears more natural this way. True enough. But there's one drawback to this. Should a fluke strike as the bait is being lifted on the jig, it's quite likely it will be torn free of the hook before it can be set. But try it both ways should the opportunity present itself and see which works best for you.

When using fish bait such as sea robin, fluke belly and squid, run your hook through the widest part once only and impart plenty of action, allow



A strip of fluke belly rates high on author's bait list.

ing it to dance along bottom. Always give fluke time to munch a bit before attempting to set the hook.

Sometimes weather conditions make drifting impossible. It is then a good time to anchor and still-fish in areas known to contain fluke. Cast around the boat and jig with short lifts of the rod as you work the bait back. Don't be in too great a hurry to make another cast. Work your bait slowly along bottom. When you do this, stop jigging when the bait is directly under the boat and let it remain still for a half minute, or so. Then cautiously lift and feel for weight. You'd be surprised how many fluke fall for this. But don't ask me why. I don't know.

Many fishermen don't bother with drifting. They anchor in a spot known to produce fluke and lower a chum pot filled with ground mossbunker. When jiggled from time to time to disperse the goo into the current, results are often spectacular. So spectacular that one July morning some years back while fishing in Schaeffer's Creek, Island Park I actually quit fishing because I was being pooped by the amount of fluke I lifted into the skiff. I can't tell you the amount because after keeping the first dozen, I returned all the rest as I caught them. None were large, a three pounder (about) being the biggest, but if I had to take a guess, I'd say close to 75. Now, I don't expect too many to believe this—but it is so. So, don't overlook mossbunker chum—especially if you are fishing in a deep, narrow creek such as Schaeffer's.

Be sure to fish near the source of chum, or directly in line with the small bits and pieces as the tidal action rolls them along bottom. Never make long casts away from the boat when using a chum pot. You'll only defeat its purpose if you do.

Fluke lend themselves to much experimentation. The methods of fishing are often varied and unusual. No article such as this can do justice to all the "tricks" experienced fishermen use. It would take dozens of articles to do so, I'm sure—and then the surface would barely be scratched.

What I'm leading to is this: if you wish to become a dedicated fish-catching fluke fisherman, don't hesitate to read all you can on the subject. The Fisherman has a good book on the subject. Send a note of inquiry to Sag Harbor. You'll be doing yourself a favor.

I con you not. I wouldn't recommend any book on fishing if I thought for one minute that it failed in its purpose to help a reader catch fish. (And there are some of the "arm-chair fisherman" books around, which seem to be put out to catch fishermen, not fish.)

Fluke fishing has been fair to middling these past few years, and there's no reason to believe it won't continue this summer. Give it a try. I don't think you'll be sorry. In fact, you just might think there's no other fishing quite like it. If so, you have plenty of company.

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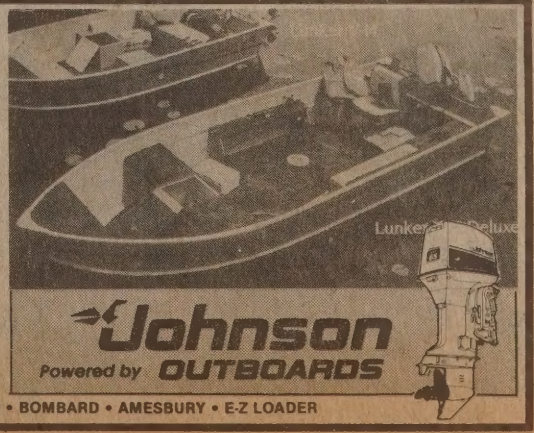
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MULTIPLE CHOICE AT MONTAUK

by Capt. Bill Ricca

There are few places on the coast that offer the mixed bag potential of this east end port.

Montauk has many features that set it apart from other locations along the East Coast. They range from the natural beauty of its seashore to the short run from some of the world's best fishing grounds. Other factors are the actual length of the fishing season (for most fishermen, March or April to December), the variety of the available species and their overall size.

To may way of thinking, the paramount factor that sets Montauk apart is the opportunity to catch several different species of inshore game fish in the same day. There are times, namely from late June through September, that pollock, cod, striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, sea bass and fluke can be taken in the same day,, employing the same method of fishing. The method is diamond jigging and the actual areas fished go from the North and Midway Rips to southeast of Block Island.

Montauk's mixed bags often produce quality as well as diversity.

It is very possible for someone who gets an early start to jig some weaks, bass, blues, even fluke at Midway, then move east to the Sub Buoy and Southwest Ledge for more blues, weaks, cod and sea bass. A further run east would bring you to the cod and pollock grounds. On many occasions, I have done well close to Montauk and never had to work my way east and still scored with several species. On other times, I've run directly to Block and when the action slowed, I worked my way either east or west and succeeded by catching several species in substantial numbers. The beauty of Montauk is that you always have an alternative or two if one particular species is not in a cooperative mood.

There are many days when the weaks will hit only for a short time after sunrise. It is a blessing that you can run east or south for blues. On other days, you may be fishing blues at Block and things slow down. Well, what is your next move? How about jigging some summer cod or even a pollock or two. For those who know the waters, it is possible to score with cod up to 20 pounds on diamond jigs during slack periods with the blues. Time and time again, I've salvaged a day's fishing with a five or ten mile run and scored with an alternative species such as cod.

The nicest thing about this kind of fishing is that all the aforementioned types of fish can and will be taken on diamond jigs, thus precluding the need to purchase and bring along a large supply of fresh bait, which could be hard to come by at this time of year.

These jigs vary in size from 2 to 8 ounces. Tri-Fin, Bridgeport, Sekora and Ava types are the most popular. In most cases, I like to use a jig with either a green, red or white tube attached. In addition, I'll often attach a teaser tube 2½ to 3 feet above my jig. Weakfish and especially cod

really go for this tube. Tide, wind and water depth, pound test of your line and the size of available bait fish will determine the size of the jigs you'll use. Seven foot, medium action rods with conventional reels such as the Daiwa 50H or 30H, Penn 140M, 112H or 500M are the most popular.

For bass, weaks, fluke and cod, a very, very slow retrieve is necessary. Bluefish and pollock require a fast retrieve. While the result of this type of fishing with respect to variety and numbers can be fantastic, it is not always guaranteed. It takes a great deal of local knowledge, as well as experience to catch regularly.

Your boat should be well equipped with a white or grey line paper recorder and Loran C. These fish are not usually spread out over large areas, but will congregate over small pieces of bottom here and there. The trick is to locate them and have the ability to consistently come back to them over and over again.

The knowledge of these alternative spots has bailed me and several other Montauk captains out on many occasions, especially on the way back from a slow offshore charter.

While they might not have been the original species sought, they can surely make up for several fruitless hours of shark chumming or tuna trolling.

Weather is always a consideration at Montauk, since we're talking big water. Summer patterns are generally more predictable, however, enabling even smaller boats (20 to 24 feet) to take advantage of this type of fishing on most days.

All these fish are excellent eating and should be cared for properly. After being caught, they should be placed on ice in a fish box or in an insulated cooler. It is best to have a sufficient amount of ice to last the day. If it is freshwater ice, and most of what you would use would be, I suggest that you add some saltwater to it prior to filling the box with fish. This mixture of saltwater and ice will result in a saltwater slush that will keep the fish at a colder and more uniform temperature than just plain ice.

As soon as possible, be it on the way back to port or as soon as you arrive, the catch should be cleaned and washed. Whether you fillet it or just gut your fish, the flesh should be rinsed in saltwater and not in fresh. I repeat, use only saltwater to rinse off your catch. It will keep the flesh solid. When preparing for your trip from the dock to home, it is best to package your catch in some kind of bag so the flesh does not come into contact with fresh water ice. Once home, you can finally rinse the fish off with freshwater and package it for the freezer.

The diversity available to anglers fishing these East End waters is just one of the many reasons for Montauk's popularity. It's a comforting feeling knowing that if your targeted species lets you down, there is always another scrapper ready and willing to pick up the slack.

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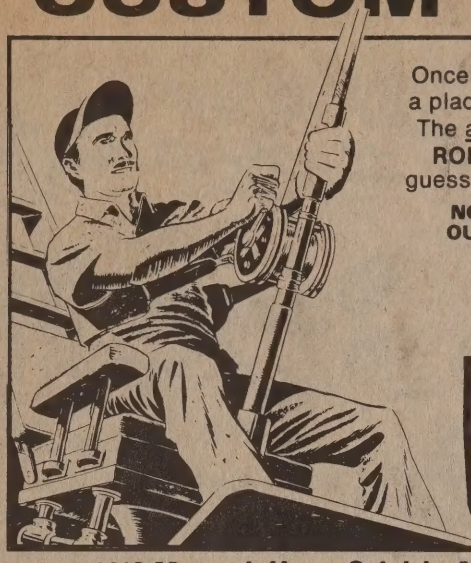

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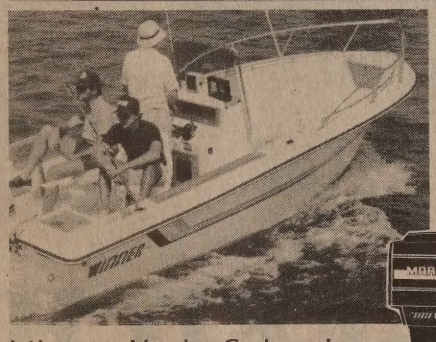

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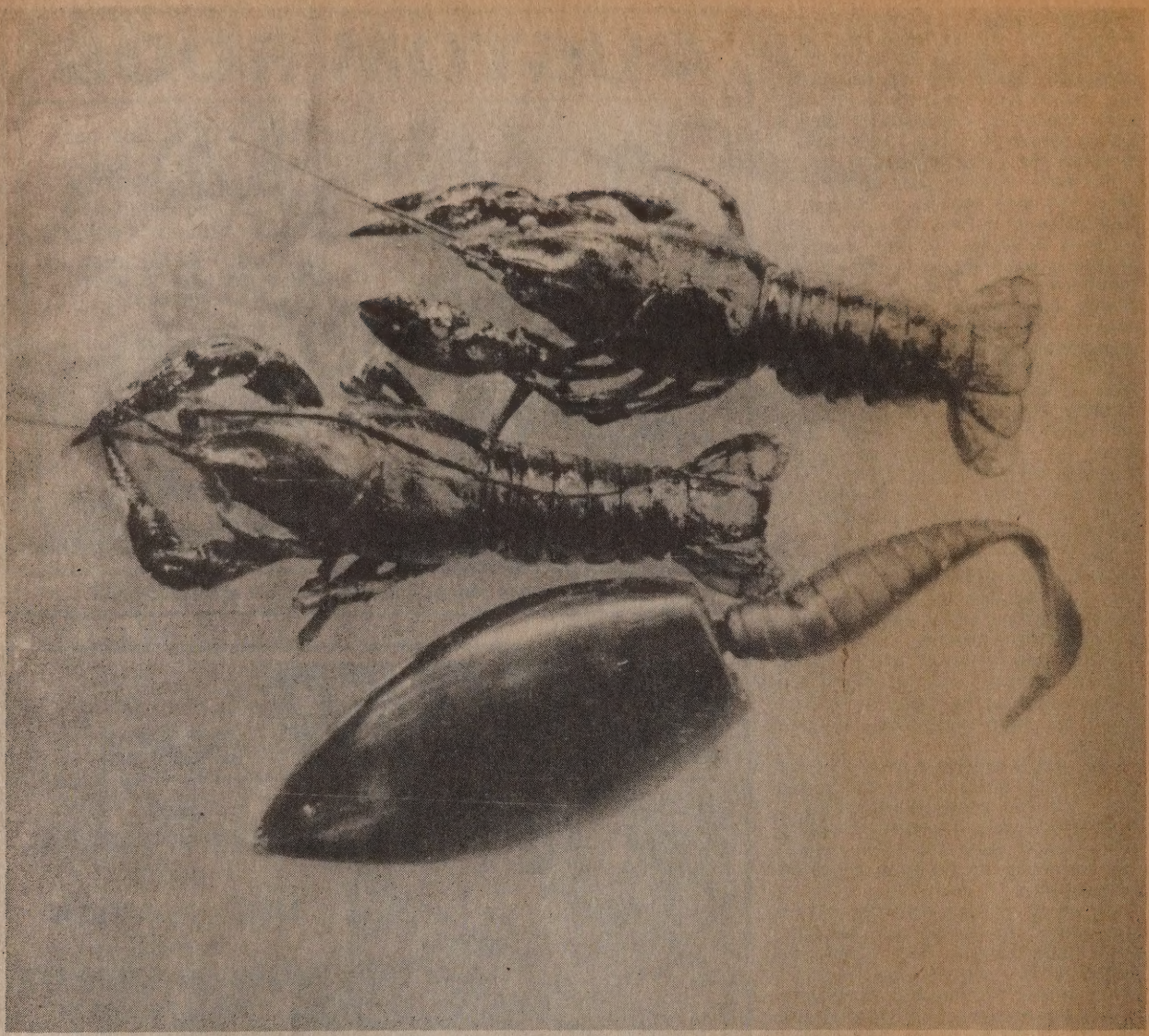


THE WEED HOPPER

by Dick Mermon

Here's a lure that will allow you to probe even the heaviest surface cover.

The lure, fabricated from a slab of hard plastic, with some wires stuck in it, and a curly-grubtail shoved on the hook, was totally unrealistic and meaningless to look at. Furthermore, when the bizarre looking thing landed among the lily pads, the noise it made on touch down should have frightened every largemouth bass within 50 yards. Then came the retrieve and it, too, was without a doubt the weirdest so-called enticer ever manufactured, and why it took on the label as "Weed Hopper."

Although strange in appearance, the lure happens to be a very sound and positively conceived piece of bass fishing merchandise with a definite technique. The Weed Hopper's design allows it to be cast directly into "any" surface structure where largemouths customarily congregate during warmer weather and exit from the hazard without collecting weeds, or hanging up.

Molded in the shape of a miniature boat, the lure's hard plastic body is slightly heavier than the specific gravity of water and sinks very slowly. Actually, the unique hook (which is molded directly into the lure's body) weighs more than the plastic body and in descent, tends to slide backwards in doing so. This rear end load counterbalances the lure with the attached line, so it rides over floating weed structure at an almost unnoticed, nose-up angle. Its boat-like profile, flat top, round bottom and pointed nose, allows it to pass through cluttered surface weeds, or other stick-ups, including submerged branches protruding from the water.

One of the Weed Hopper's most unusual visual aspect, other than the action produced on retrieve are the two long stainless steel wires, protruding from its forward area. These

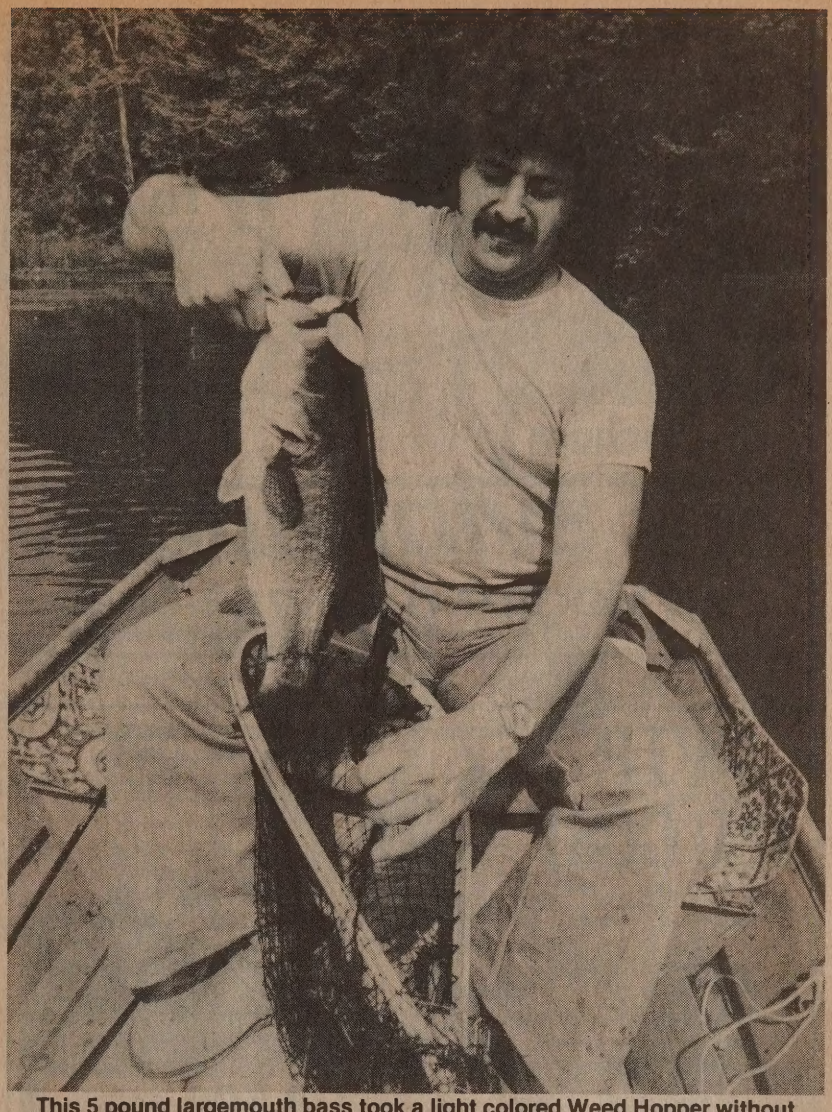
pliable wires are not antenae, or whiskers, though they resemble a pair, but weed guards to shed unwanted greenery from the hook and help give the artificial action as well. Norm Fromme, the lure's designer, had gone through a great deal of experimentation in selecting the proper length for these wire guards. Finally, the present measurements were chosen because they balanced properly, giving the enticement its designated wobble and still protected the hook. Also, the wires had to be positioned in a "V" formation rather than straight up and down, facing slightly to the ear.

As for the addition of a grubtail, its function is to produce sound vibrations as the lure travels over, or through vegetation and open water pockets. What seems to be merely a slide-on, haphazardly placed soft plastic twister tail over the hook, is not really that at all. The tail must be impaled so its curl faces down at a slight angle.

Although there are many top water lures available to bass anglers, the Weed Hopper, is the most fascinating and amazing surface artificial to watch. To look at it in a package, or even handle it freely, offers little hope as a fish producer, but cast into a dense field of lily pads, or atop moss will change one's mind. On retrieve it resembles the motion of a mechanical robot, wobbling over, searching under and crawling through the greenery, never hesitating in its strive. The lure's gesture always reminded me of R2-D2, or an unearthly creature, with its antennae held high and wagging tail behind, waddling along the surface. From underwater, however, I can understand why largemouth bass cannot resist striking at its tantalizing movement. Silhouetted against the sky, a Weed Hopper resembles an appetizing meal as it swims from one lily pad, or weed patch to another.

Like most manufactured lures targeted for largemouth bass, this one also has a specific technique that must be employed, except it is not in presentation, or retrieve, but upon a sudden strike. Since a Weed Hopper is worked on the surface, the angler has constant visual contact and assumes that the hook must be set immediately upon a strike. Strange as it may seem, it is not so with this lure. After the Hopper has been cast well into the weeded area, or lily pads, the retrieve begins promptly upon touch down, in a slow, but steady manner, with no hesitation during its trip back in. At such time the rod tip is held upwards in a 45 degree angle, keeping the line from dragging in the water, or on top of the weeds. The line maintains a direct contact from the rod tip to the lure all through the retrieve, or as much as possible. This straightforwardness is a key factor in setting the hook as well as having the fish strike the lure.

Occasionally, a bass will reveal itself



This 5 pound largemouth bass took a light colored Weed Hopper without hesitation. Note the hook is embedded in the upper mouth which is an indication the fish really wanted the lure.

This is Weed Hopper country; a massive patch of lily pads growing in 5 to 8 feet of water.

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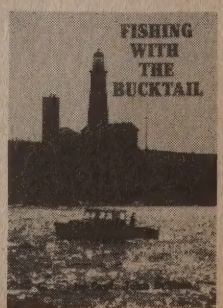

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by a wake, or push water towards the lure, but most often the attack is unexpected and in two forms: explosively, or merely an upwards swat of the tail. It matters not how thick the cover is being fished, largemouths track surface disturbances by means of sound waves transmitted down into the water and begin homing in on them. Their actual assault on the lure is timed perfectly and if the bass wants to eat, it will "not unintentionally miss." A slight pop, or splat, at the lure, simply means the fish is testing what it is and the interest has been created. On the other hand, a violent eruption does not always indicate a hooked fish, for most of the time the lure is only grabbed, or sucked under with great turmoil. This is the moment of truth for an angler and his/her nerves. Instead of instantly rearing back on the rod to set the hook (which is customary by all fishing standards), the rod tip is lowered. That's right, dropped parallel to the water. As the bass takes all slack line from the leveled rod, which is within seconds after the strike and becomes taut, the hook is then set. It is that sudden unexpected visual emission and sound created by the fish's strike causes most anglers to become hasty in their hook setting and the bass is lost. Difficult as it may well be, the primary rule in Weed Hopper fishing is to restrain one's-self from over enthusiasm when the lure is taken.

A light tap, or boil at the lure is a bass' manner of taste testing. When this occurs, the Hopper is cast and retrieved again in the same location of the strike, but this time a more severe assault will occur and be prepared for it. Largemouths are not easily spooked from beneath weed haunts after the first try, providing they did not feel the hook's point and usually remain somewhere close by. The fish opened a window in the overhead cover and is now watching for another shot at the prey to return.

When a lure is considered to be "weedless," it does not guarantee a 100 percent function, especially underwater. However, the Weed Hopper, is designed as a surface swimmer and truly, 99.9% weedless, fashioned to crawl, slither, swim over, through and around lily pads and all other surface structure. The one time the lure may become snagged is due to wind and a bow in the line, bending about several lily pads, bunching them together. It is the line that becomes the culprit and not the lure.

Heavy surface cover is Weed Hopper country. The little hunk of hard plastic resembles an upside down, oversized palmetto bug (a nice name for a big cockroach), rather than a fishing lure. Its intent was not meant to catch the eyes of bass fishermen, but the mouth of largemouth bass. The Weed Hopper is manufactured by the Goo Bait Company, RR #1, Jasper, IN 47546; (812) 482-4153, Attention of Mr. Norm Fromme.

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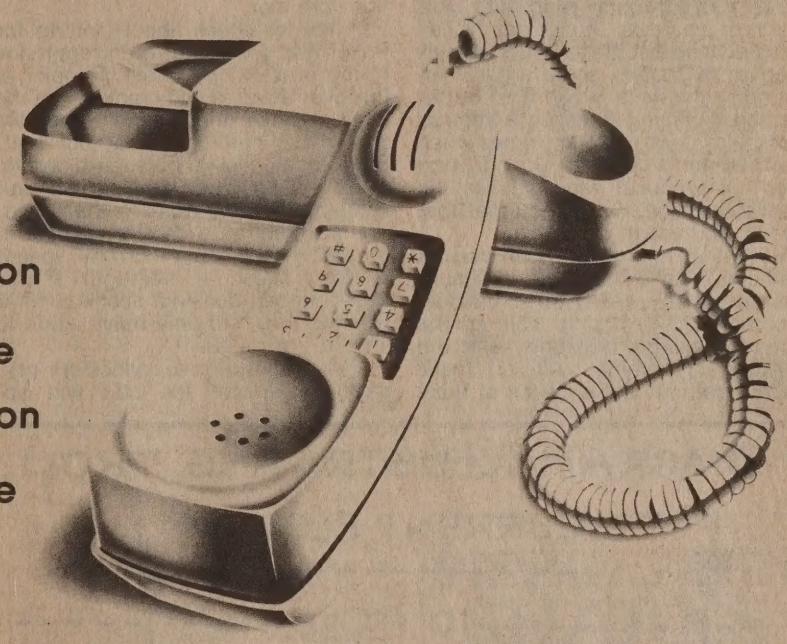

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ODDBALL FLUKE

by Ken Gerhardt

The author gives us three offbeat methods to try when fluking gets tough.

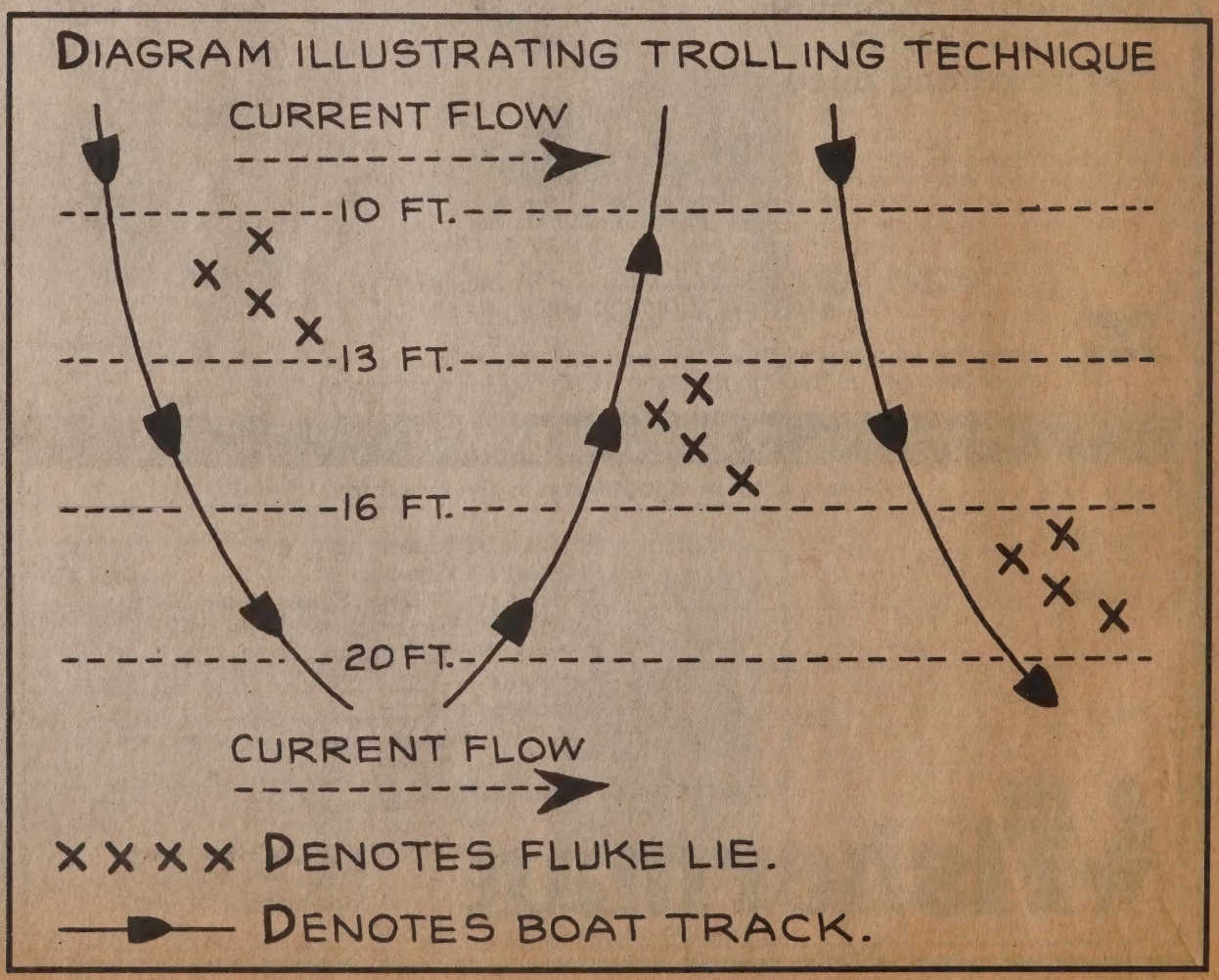
When someone mentions fluke fishing, one usually thinks of drifting with the current flow over sand bars, cut, drains or whatever. Water depths can vary between as little as 6 feet, and as deep as 60 feet in some areas. Admittedly, this is a bread and butter method of taking fluke on a regular basis. However, there are times when the tried and true method of drifting does not produce, especially as the season wears on. It is these times that we will address in this article.

We'll only talk about three unusual methods to take fluke, but I'm sure there are many, many other unusual approaches. The first is trolling, the second is casting bucktails, and the third is chumming. All of these "odd" methods will put a lot of fluke in your boat, if first of all you try them, and secondly if certain conditions are met.

When we speak about trolling for fluke, it is a little different approach to the problem than just dropping a line over the side and cranking up the engine to "all ahead slow" while we wait for something to eat our bait. First of all, some do's and don'ts. Don't troll downtide because your bait will approach the fluke in their feeding position at a rate of speed of probably twice the current speed. (Current speed + steerage). If this speeding bait does not spook our flat friends, they will only move aside to let "it" through.

If we troll uptide to reduce our presentation speed, the bait will approach the fluke from his blind side, the rear. I guarantee this will scare the hell out of any fluke your bait approaches. So if we can't troll uptide or downtide, what's left? We troll in a "lazy S" pattern, or across the fluke's feeding lane. Using this approach, the trolled bait is **never** out of the fluke's vision zone. The bait never sneaks up on a fluke from behind and panics him, and best of all a lot of ground is covered with the best possible presentation.

Where do we practice this technique? Look for that area where the water drops off from where the bottom is just visible, out to say 20 feet or so. When the deeper water is reached, continue the "S" pattern into the shallower water again where



the bottom becomes visible again. Then turn out to the deeper water again. Keep repeating this pattern until a fish is caught. When one is hooked, drop a buoy. After our fish is safely in the boat, run back along the same track towards the buoy. If no takers the second time through, continue the "S" pattern a little further along, then come back, again in the "S" pattern. You are bound to hit a fish again, as fluke are social fish; that is, they occur in loose schools almost always at the same general depth in a given area. It doesn't matter whether you are trolling the "S" pattern uptide or down, your bait will always be presented to the fish at about a 45 degree angle to the fish's nose.

Tackle does not have to be anything exotic, the equivalent of a 20# rod, 20# mono and a light reel are all that are required. For terminal tackle, I like to use a fish finder rig with the mono tied to a ball bearing swivel, then a 3½ foot leader with a 7/0 surge tubing hook with a 1/0 live bait hook snelled to it. A 2 to 4 ounce sinker is clipped to the fish finder. Usually this is plenty of lead, but if you have to add or subtract, the fishfinder lets you do it quickly. I like to use a piece of fluke belly about 6 inches long as my primary bait, but half a snapper fillet is also very good. It does not hold up as well however. I've caught 6 or 8 fish on the fluke belly to only one per fillet of the snapper.

Many guys will tell you to rack the rod, and when it "goes down" just reel in the fish. Perhaps this is so, but it is my opinion that a great many fish are not hooked because they feel resistance when they mouth the bait and drop it before their hit is detected on the racked rod. So I generally hold the rod in my hand with the reel in free spool and hold the line with my thumb. At any sign of a pick-up, I let 10 or 15 feet of line dropback through the fish finder allowing the fish to eat the bait without feeling any resistance at all. I then sock him hard.

The next odd ball is casting bucktails. This is one of my favorite ways to fish for fluke. It also produces, as a rule, larger fish in good numbers. Always try to retrieve the lead head from the shallower water to the deeper water. The lead head that has far outfished any other has been the Upperman type. I use two weights: 3/4 oz. with a 6/0 hook and a 1¼ oz. with a 9/0 hook. It should also be painted red on top and white under. This paint combination has proven far and away better than any other, with all white a distant second. At times of dirty, muddy water an all yellow works well. I usually sweeten it with a thin, 4 or 5 inch slice of fluke belly.

Look for a beach which gently slopes out towards deeper water with a mostly sandy bottom. Drift along it in about 20 feet of water casting in towards the beach. Bring the Upperman back in slow pumps (about two feet at a time). You **must** keep in contact with the bottom. Strike hard at any bump, touch, or anything out of the ordinary.

On an ebb tide, look for a sandy shoal that drops off into a deeper channel. Bait comes flying off the shoal down the dropoff towards the deeper water and into the mouths of the waiting fluke. As before, cast into the shallow water and hop the jig back to you. Strike hard at any resistance. Most strikes will come about halfway down the dropoff. Don't work the lead head too fast. Tackle should be conventional as it is impossible to keep "in touch" with your lure with a spinning rod. I use an Ambassadeur 6000 or 7000 with 20# mono and Lamiglas GBT 84 1L cut back in the butt to 6 feet.

The last way we'll talk about is least used, most involved, but sometimes the most effective way to fill a fish box with fluke. It is chumming for fluke. It usually cannot be practiced in a casual manner, in that frozen chum has to be available. If I'm going to chum fluke, I freeze bunker chum in two quart milk containers. I carry the frozen chum in a bait cooler loaded with ice as the chum should stay frozen.

We look for an area of large sandy shoals which drains into a deeper channel or channels. We also look for any area that has a rip set up when the tide runs. Ideally, we would like to find a 4 foot or so deep (at low tide) flat that communicates with deeper water. The tide we want is the incoming, as the fluke will be coming out of the deeper water towards the flat to feed. What we want to do is to help them along. So we set up shop in 4 to 6 feet of water, put over our chum pot, let over our lines and wait for the inevitable. If there are any fluke in the area they will come to the bunker chum. Once again conventional tackle: same rod and reel as above. Terminal tackle is an egg sinker, a ball bearing swivel, a 3 or 4 foot leader with a 5/0 Sproat long shanked hook tied on it.

The best bait for this kind of fishing is a live mummie hooked in the mouth through the gills. Drop the line over the side and let it bounce out a couple of feet at a time. If your sinker doesn't travel, put on a lighter one until you can walk your bait out and down the chum slick. Let it out 50 feet or so, then retrieve it slowly. When you get a pick-up, don't be in a hurry, let him eat it before setting the hook. More fluke are lost due to premature hook setting than any other way.

One thing that is common to all forms of fluke fishing, that is the necessity of a net. Don't go out without one, although the smaller fish can be popped into the boat without a net, the doormats **require** it. A good pair of long-nosed pliers are also almost a necessity to remove the hooks that are swallowed. A billy or a priest is handy to calm these fish down. Fluke can be unpleasant to handle when full of vim and vigor. Remember, the ocean is not a limitless producer of fish, so only take what you can use and leave a couple for our kids.

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SALMON RIVER:

UNSEASONABLE SUMMER BROWNS

by Frank Daignault

No trout fisherman should ever turn his back on Pulask, New York's Salmon River, even in the summer. If river conditions are right, there is some memorable fishing to be had there. I found out two years ago when I was in that area doing something else.

We had gone to Bridgeport, New York to shoot the Eastern Zone ATA trapshooting championship, which is only about 30 miles from Pulaski. While at the shoot, I ran into a Pennsylvanian named Walter who I had met fishing many years before. Walter talked excitedly of the river asking me if I had fished yet. Of course, fishing hadn't been our purpose and I didn't know what he was talking about, but when he got through describing the action I was glad that I had packed tackle on the outside chance that there might be some fishing to be found. We don't travel without it. Moreover, we met Tom Whitaker at the shoot, founder of a Pulaski tackle shop and he confirmed what Walter had told us: that the river was loaded with browns. Walter and I agreed to meet at the 2A bridge next morning first light. While waiting, I watched bulges in the lowered water level in the darkness; water was so shallow that these big fish couldn't move about without disturbing it. When he came he pointed to a particularly large fish that came by saying that it was probably a chinook because one had been seen in the area several mornings in a row. Our first casts were made with the first brightness in the east. Once

there was enough light, I could see the forms of small fish—when compared to the chinook—laying in the deeper tail of the pool. It was about that time when my first take came, an average brown of 4 or 5 pounds which I missed. I had several other chases and swirls before a 6 pounder took my #10 Hornberg. Because of the short section of 6 pound leader tippet I was fishing, I feared the fish and ended up chasing it a tenth of a mile downriver before landing it. And because we didn't have a means of keeping it (remember, this wasn't a fishing trip), I guessed the weight and let it go.

By the time I got back to my fishing position, a car load of fellows had come and were jerking hardware violently through the pool which kind of reminded me that I was in that territory to shoot. For that day anyway, I was through fishing and we had social commitments. Excited as I was about finding Moby browns in the river in July, I knew that they could be found at other places in the river, further from the road. Next morning, without making plans with Walter, I tried the Black Hole below town. In the half light I could see fish rising so I added a section of three pound to my old tippet and floated a #14 black caddis. Again, I missed the first take but had another hit soon after that spun line from the reel and got into the backing before popping me off. Sadly, the fight had taken up too much time and it was so bright that the trout were down by the time I was redy to fish again. I didn't realize it at the time, but that was to end up being the last of the July brown trout run.

The reason why the fish had come into the river at such a strange time was that we had had a cold snap. First night there temperatures had fallen to the low 40s and there had been several nights of similar temperatures before that. After my second morning of fishing the summer temperatures came back where nights bottomed out in the mid-60s. But the 90 degree days took their toll raising the water temp to 72 mornings, an unsuitable temperature.

Don't plan on fishing the Salmon R. in July. The temperatures that we were lucky enough to experience are not likely. Two things ought to be kept in mind: one, if you are in the territory be ready for a run of fish. Two: if you are up there for deep trolling, the summer fishing the area is famous for in summer, have your river gear with you; you never know. The thing to watch for is unseasonable temperatures that will lower the river temperature and make them suitable for browns to use the river. These are fall spawners that can be fooled by a few nights of cool weather; anxious to get started. And, if you are a competition shooter, make up your mind about what you prefer and stick to it. Shooting is a head game and with my mind on those monster browns in the river, I never did so badly.

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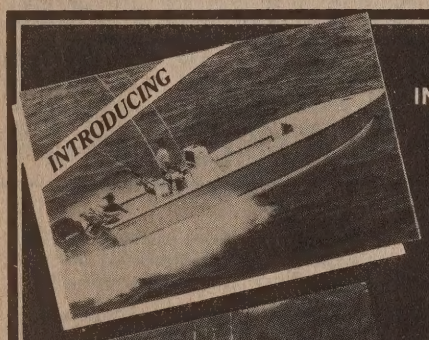

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FISHING WITH LORAN

by Bob Rhodes

Once considered just a navigational aid, Loran-C has become an important fishing tool.

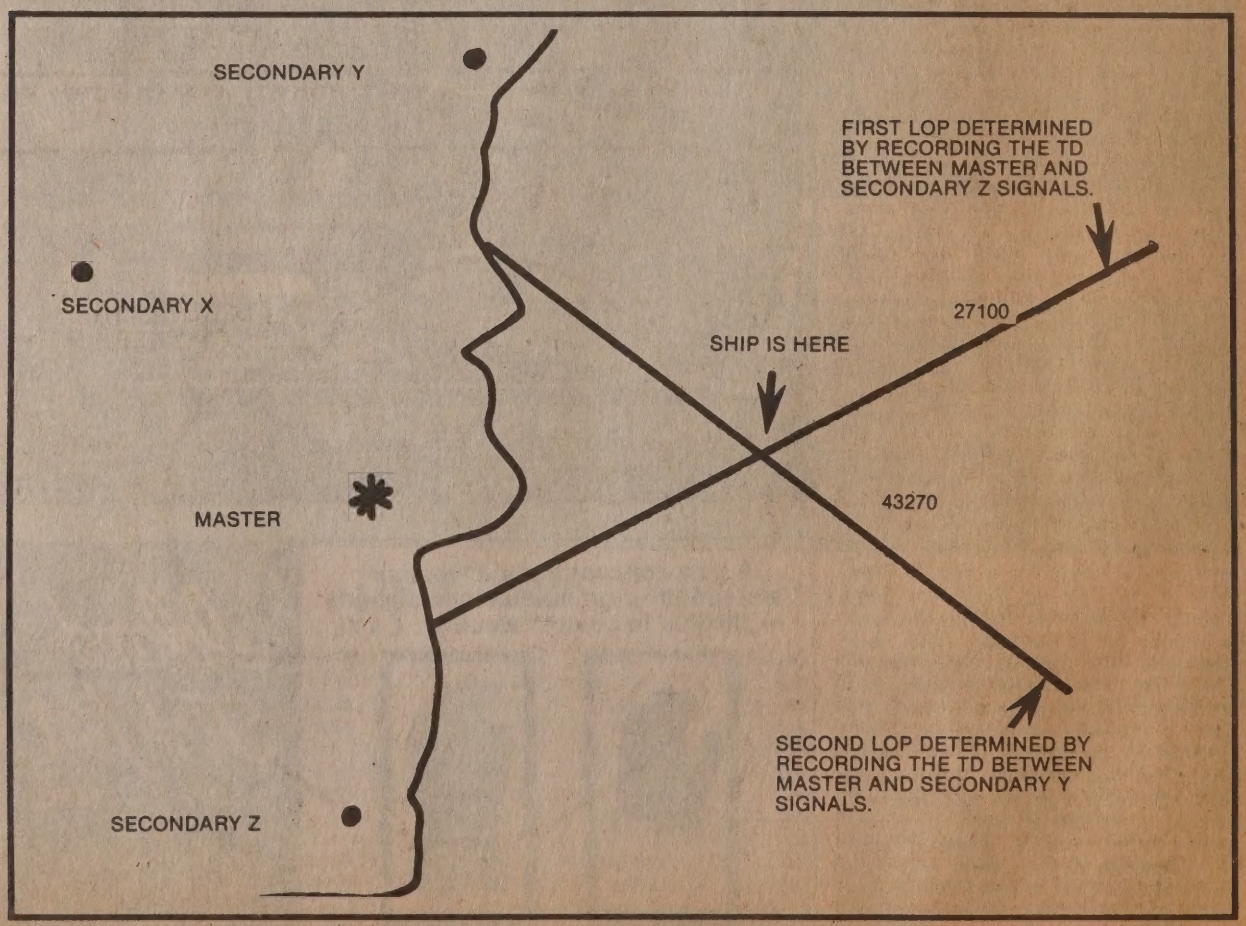
Imagine visiting a city for the first time and discovering that the streets are without signposts. Are you on Fifth, or Vine? And how do you proceed from wherever you are to, say the library or the sports complex? To make matters worse, an overcast sky will undoubtedly prevent you from distinguishing east from West. So ferreting out a specific location in a situation we usually take for granted can become a formidable challenge.

Yes, signposts are an important aid to land navigation, and what a sorry mess over-the-road transportation would be without them. But what about water travel? No signposts dot the seas informing boaters of their location or to pinpoint important underwater wrecks, reefs, dropoffs and other fish-holding structure. So how do those who sail the briny manage directions and find the water equivalent of First and Main?

Until World War II, over-the-water tracking was a complex process thought by some to be more art than science. To remedy the difficulties that had beset sailors since the first attempt to pilot a craft, the U.S. government developed a military navigation system called Loran A (LOng RAnge Navigation). Success with that wartime solution spurred continued development and in 1974, an improved navigational approached called Loran C was instituted.

Essentially a radio navigation aid utulizing land-based radio transmitters and shipboard receivers to determine sea positions, Loran C exists along the entire U.S. and Canadian coastlines at least 200 miles to sea, as well as the Great Lakes region and many other parts of the world. Although complex, Loran C is nevertheless relatively easily understood and few boats today negotiate open water without it.

Loran C's underlying principle is that radio waves travel at a relatively constant velocity through air. Therefore, by measuring the time in micro-seconds (millionths of a second) it takes for a radio signal to travel from one point to another, it's possible to calculate distance. In practice, the Loran C system utilizes a combination (called a chain) of a master and from two to four secondary transmitters all of which emit signals at precisely timed intervals. However, since each secondary trans-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A typical Loran C chain. The area within the border receives best coverage.

mitter waits a precise interval before broadcasting its signal, onboard ship receivers (which contain a computer) can measure such slight time differences (TDs) and translate the signals into a position. And since within any chain the TDs are predictable, it's possible to print time differences as intersecting lines of position (LOP) on coastal navigation charts.

To place into clearer perspective the determination and use of lines of position, let's harken back to our mythical city without street signs for a land-based example. How helpful do you suppose it would be to learn only that you were on Main Street in our confusing city? Well, that's a dang sight better than not knowing which street you're on. But since Main Street may run for miles, it's just not enough. You must also know a cross street if you're to pinpoint your position. And that's precisely what the Loran C system does. It first broadcasts a signal from the master transmitted followed, after a predictable pause, by a signal from one of the secondary transmitters to identify one line of position (Main Street, say). After a longer delay, a signal is transmitted from another secondary transmitter to identify an intersecting line of position (the cross street in our land-based example).

Such LOP identification is achieved through the display of a pair of numbers by the shipboard Loran C receiver. The numbers are the TDs (in micro-seconds) associated with particular transmitters within a chain. In this coastal area, for example, we navigate by the Northeast U.S. Chain identified as GRI (Group Repetition Interval, essentially the pattern of radio signals braodcast by a master and secondary transmitters) 9960. The master signal is sent from Seneca, N.Y., and secondary signals arrive from Caribou, Maine (11,000 micro-seconds); Nantucket, Massachusetts (25,000 micro-seconds); Carolina Beach, North Carolina (39,000 micro-seconds); and Dana, Indiana (54,000 micro-seconds).

Although Loran C receivers can track all secondary signals, it's necessary to select the two best (some sophisticated units do this automatically), which generally means those that intersect at or close to 90 degrees. For Jersey coastal waters the Nantucket and Carolina Beach signals are preferred. Thus, depending on one's home port, one Loran number display will range from 25,000 (called the top line) and the other will range from 39,000 (referred to as the bottom line).

Activating a Loran C receiver before leaving port is a simple matter. By pressing numbered buttons (usually called keys) on the control panel, you indicate which chain the unit should track. Depending on the unit, you may also be required to select the pair of secondary transmitters from which signals will also be received. Otherwise, the unit will automatically

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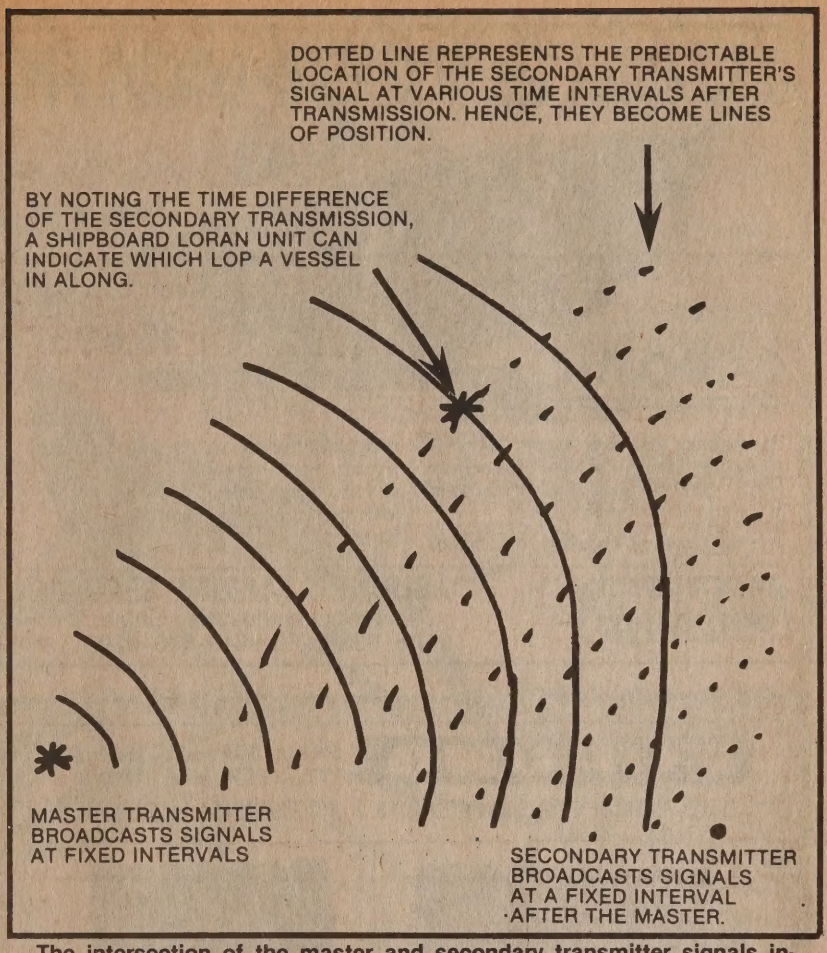
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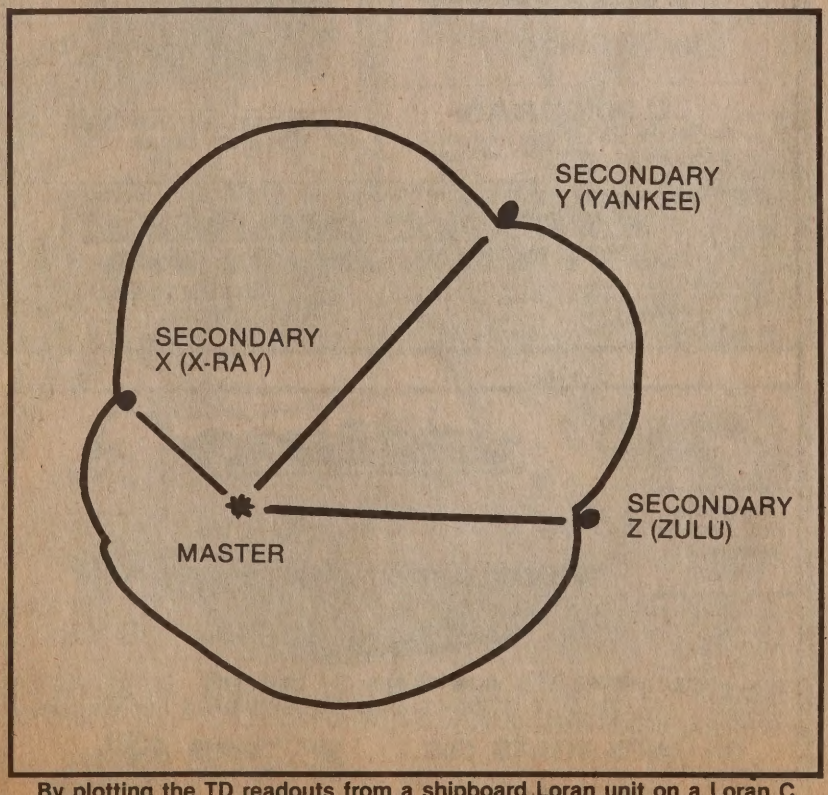
The intersection of the master and secondary transmitter signals indicates one line of position (LOP).



By plotting the TD readouts from a shipboard Loran unit on a Loran C chart, a ship's precise location can be determined.

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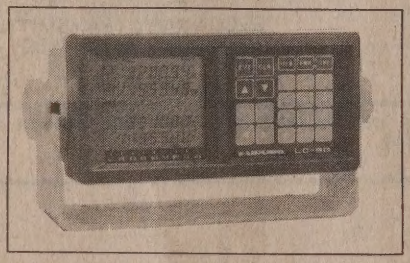

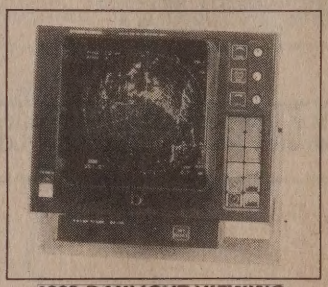

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Subsequent navigation by Loran in the easiest manner involves watching the TD display as you power toward a predetermined destination. As you head east, for example, top line numbers decrease, whereas they increase as you head west. Similar changes occur in the bottom line: numbers decrease as you head south and increase as you head north.

Should you want to reach, say, the Harvey Cedars Lump (for which the Loran coordinates are 26907 and 43223), you simply travel from your home port in a direction that results in appropriate TD display changes. If you're northwest of the Lump, for example, decreasing top and bottom line numbers indicate you're traveling in the southeasterly direction necessary to reach your destination. Through a series of "Kentucky windage" course changes, you eventually achieve a TD display on your Loran unit that indicates you're over the Lump.

Unfortunately, it's now always possible to steer a straight line to your destination. In fact, it may not be safe to because of intervening dangers to navigation. Not to worry, because sophisticated Loran C units with a "steer/compute" option can facilitate route planning and accurate point-to-point navigation. To use this feature, you essentially enter the Loran coordinates of the location you seek and cancel the display of the secondary TDs by pressing certain control keys. Now, the Loran unit will display the course heading, speed and time to go. At any time, a few keystrokes easily recalls the display of the secondary TDs for verification of your heading.

Clearly, the Loran C system is a considerable aid to navigation. But navigation alone isn't its only virtue because fishermen have also used Loran to locate and return to prime fishing territory. Besides keeping a log of the many offshore structures that hold fish. it's beneficial to maintain a personal log of Loran coordinates for those portions of structure you have fished especially productively. For example, recording the Loran numbers for the portions of a wreck or a dropoff that produce fish might, over time, reveal a pattern that can help you pinpoint the most productive fishing on subsequent trips. Similarly, noting the Loran coordinates at which hook-ups occur during a drift or while trolling an area might also reveal a pattern in fish behavior that you can exploit on future visits. It doesn't matter that Loran numbers many not exist for particular sections of offshore structure. You can use the system to develop your own "micro" number log that's far more valuable than just knowing the "primary" number for a hump or other structure.

Yes, Loran is a boon to navigation and fishing. With it, you will never again have to wonder if you're at the watery equivalent of Main and, gosh, I don't know!

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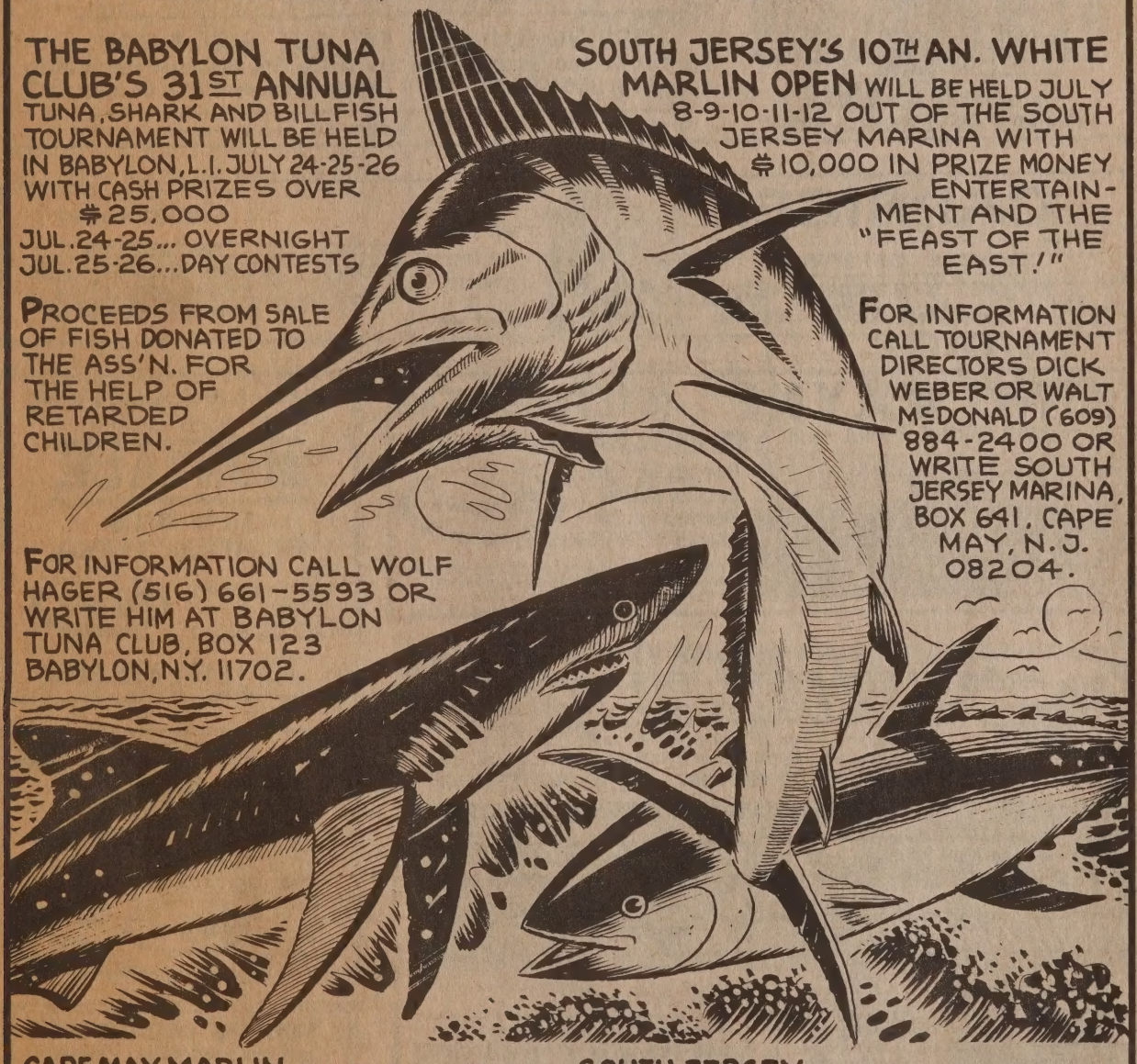

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Giant tuna arrived off Long Island on Sunday, sparking an attack of "tuna fever" which saw dozens of boats from Shinnecock and Montauk converge upon the school feeding in 130 feet of water close to Shinnecock. Offshore, sharks—mako, thresher, blue, tiger— were caught during the week. High winds curtailed many fishing efforts on Sunday, but generally action during the week was brisk for those seeking blues or bass. Fluke are on the upswing.

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After an absence of 20 years, the United States Atlantic Tuna Tournament returns to Montauk, with headquarters at Deep Sea Marina. Predicting an early tuna season, the tournament committee decided upon June 30th, July 1st and 2nd. As predicated, giant tuna appeared off Shinnecock in 130 feet of water, on Sunday with about a dozen boated and brought to marinas in Montauk and the Hamptons. While statistics were not complete as of our deadline, we know that at least six giants were brought into Hampton Bays, possibly as many to Montauk.

Captain Rob Aaronsen of **Tuma's Dock and Tackle** reported that tuna were brought in by Captain Donny Bradick on the **Fish On**; and various boats such as "Sheria," "Merlin" and "Sneaky Pete."

Ed Muenkel and his friends were into blue sharks on Saturday's charter on the **Orion,** catching and releasing over 20, until an 85 lb. mako came into the slick. Sunday's group, the Wentworths, also fought blue sharks.

Captain Charlie Martinez reported tangling with a bunch of blue sharks last Sunday on a charter with Tim Wilson and his friends on the **Sea Boots**. While fishing 45 miles from Montauk a huge shark, possibly a white, approached the boat, but did not take a bait.

Captain Jay Rigano boated a 355 lb. mako on the **Lor-Jay** to win the mako division of last week's **Star Island Yacht Club's** shark tournament. According to Capt. Jay, a mako is almost guaranteed when "Mako" Mike Zinicchi is aboard, since he has connected with six in seven trips. The mako reportedly cruised through the chum slick for over 2 hours eating bunker chunks, until it made up its mind to take a baited hook. Blue shark were located with Vinnie Langone and his friends on Thursday's trip. John

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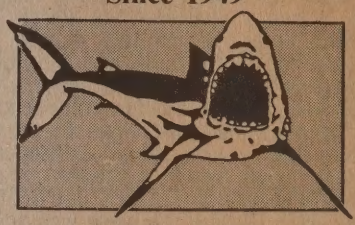
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Lots of shark action according to Joan at **Captain's Cove Marina** with charter boats returning with mako, blue shark, thresher and dusky shark. Captain Chuck Mallinson returned with makos on both Saturday and Sunday's trips on the charter boat Joy Sea. Robert Wertz successfully fought a 231 lb. thresher last Monday on Capt. Passie's **Windy**. On Tuesday a 214 lb. mako rode back to Montauk on the **Mkao Express**, a 175 lber. on the **Mary A**. On the weekend, a 396 lb. dusky shark was fought by Tony Bonventre on the "Pisces III," a tournament winning 561 lber. on the **Reel Magic** by Capt. Howard. Sunday's shark catches included another prize winning mako on **Reel Magic**; a 225 mako caught by William Corrigan on the **Mistress Too**, a 188 lb. thresher by Steve Trywiesch on the "Three Star" and blue shark action on the **Surfmaster**. The only inshore action reported at the marina was a batch of blackfish caught at Shagwong by Dan Cole on his marina based craft.

Captain Howard Kiedaisch has been working wonders on the **Reel Magic** this month, returning with prize winning sharks in the first two shark tournaments of the season. A 214 lb. blue shark, fought by Frank Torre was good for second place in last week's **Star Island Yacht Club's** tournament. This weekend, anglers on a charter arranged by Mark Sheppard claimed two shark prizes. Saturday's efforts resulted in an $8,000 cash prize for the largest shark caught in the **Montauk Marine Basin's** shark tournament. On Sunday, a 255 lb. mako cashed in as the second largest mako weighed by tournament contestants. Joe Nesto

was the angler of record for both fish.

Last Wednesday, Captain Jim Flowers settled in almost 40 fathoms southeast of the Point with Mr. Capalano and his friends. Seven blue sharks, some weighing about 250 lbs., were fought on the **Mary A**. A mako was unfortunately lost at boatside. On Friday, a mako of 177 lbs. was successfully fought and boated with the Schusters. Scene of this action was in 20 fathoms (120 feet) south of the Point.

A 201 lb. thresher christened the **Surfmaster II** on her first trip of the season with a group from Pittsburg that included John Ledva, John Powell, Mike and Joe Boures and Jim Hooper. Saturday's group with Ed Lewis and his youngsters Brian and Darren, Mario and Scott Gioioso, all from Beltsville, New Jersey enjoyed constant blue shark action. Twelve-year-old Brian will have a mount of his 105 lb. blue shark as a birthday present from his dad. First timers to offshore fishing, Uncle Claus Moehlmann, Johann Walt and Sebastian Hardenberg will return to Hamberg, Germany with tall tales of blue monsters of the deep. On both weekend trips, mako sharks were dropped with teenagers on the rod.

Fifteen-year-old Matthew Sauter took only 20 minutes to subdue a 551 lb. giant tuna on Capt. Gregg Beacher's charter boat **Dawn** on Sunday. Oscar Amarosso of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club boated a giant on the "Marlin."

We extend congratulations to Mike and Christina Albronda, whose daughter Alexandria Nicole arrived for Father's Day. Capt. Mike was delayed in picking up his wife and daughter from the hospital on Monday since he was engaged in subduing a 337 lb. mako hooked by Robert Albrectch on the charter boat **Montauk**. Capt. Mike has enjoyed very good daily action with blue sharks, except for a slowdown on Tuesday, with a dozen or more hook-ups on each trip. Best action occurred on Friday, when double hook-ups were common.

Anglers on **Pronto Charters-East Wind II** tagged and released nine blue sharks, but kept a 115 lb. mako on Father's Day. A two day tournament charter with Glenn Ricci and his two brothers enjoyed tag and release action with blue sharks but did return with a mako. Captain Mike Bentivegna, Jr. and Capt. Paul Lahullier have a few days open for shark and tuna on the **East Wind II**.

Charter boats berthed at **Gone Fishing Marina** did well offshore, according to T.J. Captain Bob Storc encountered several blue and brown sharks fishing with Dave Lewis and his friends on the charter boat **Caprice** on Saturday. Lots of life was seen on an overnight canyon trip on the **Fisherman II**. Capt. Paul Giangreco returned with several yellowfin tuna.

Gone Fishing Marina will now open on 5AM on weekend and 6AM on weekday mornings through the summer. Inshore, a few porgies have been picked up, fluke catches are increasing, blackfishing remains decent since Billy Podmore returned with 60 blackfish on Sunday reportedly caught in local waters. A good catch of bass was made by Capt. Bob Rochetta who was fishing with Jack and Jim Helfrich. Fourteen bass were caught, top weight 47 lbs. Offshore, sharking is very good. Over the weekend Jeff, Mark, Brian and Dave tagged and released 15 blue sharks caught on the marina based boat "Nina."

While his son Matthew was tuna fishing on the **Dawn**, Dr. Mike Sauter had his hands busy fighting a mako on the "Tranquilizer" owned by Dr. Roy Berger. The 359 lb. shark won the mako division in the **Marine Basin's** Shark tournament and was worth $12,000. Largest blue shark of the tournament (and a few pounds shy of a record) was caught by Warren Hatter on the "Devil Fish." The 382 lb. fish claimed a $5,000 prize. Largest fish in the tournament, a 562 lb. dusky worth $8,000 was caught by Joe Mesto on the **Reel Magic**. Giant tuna weighed at the **Marine Basin** on Sunday included a 655 lber. caught on the "Sheria" by Capt. Wink Dorzbacker and a 475 lb. bluefin on the "Merlin" fought by Ed Berg. Inshore, several bass, including one of 28 lbs. were caught on the "Vivienne" during the week.

Chuck Cogswell remarked on the continued good shark action reported by anglers from **Star Island Yacht Club**. Steve Chimblo reported an encounter with a very large mako which still enjoys its freedom after wrecking a reel on the "Gemini" on Thursday. The group returned to the scene of the action the following day and returned with makos of 135 and 165 lbs. A 104 lb. mako was landed on the "Joan Marie II" on Sunday and great fun had on 26 blue sharks fought on spinning rods by Steve Nicol, Allen Walfhser and Frank Fuches. A lot of excitement was caused when the "Margaret M," a 27 foot boat returned to the **Yacht Club** with a 592 lb. mako that was too long for the boat's gin pole. The fine fish was caught 30 miles south of the Point and fought for 1½ hours by Tom Miller.

Capt. Steve Forsberg reported excellent Cox's Ledge cod fishing this week with catches so good that beginning this Friday the **Viking Star** will make daily trips for cod. On Friday, over 200 cod were caught with Poppa Frank accounting for 17 cod including

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Phil Grasso and Tony Pretakiewicz, Sr. and Jr., with 53 flounder caught out of Scotty's Fishing Station in Pt. Lookout back in late April.

the 25 lb. pool winner. Doc Shepard copped the pool with a 24 lb. cod on Saturday, best of his 22 fish. Three anglers fishing in the bow counted 58 cod in their coolers. Sunday's pool fish, a 28 lber., was caught by Chris Molstead who had 26 other fish. **Viking Starlite** is fluking daily, making two half day trips each day.

Unreported in last week's issue was a spectacular fluke which weighed 16 lbs. The huge fish was caught at the Ruins at Gardiner's by Bob Fritz, who now berths the "Toots" at West Lake Lodge. Bob commented that outgoing tide was best; his catch included a dozen addition fluke of normal size.

Henry Uihlein reported a good pick up in fluke catches just in time for the two day tournament to benefit mentally handicapped and retarded. While final results were not available as we went to press, we understand that it was an outstanding success, with many prize winning fluke caught on **Uihlein's Rental Boats**, with anglers fishing at False Point or Shagwong. Largest fish other than fluke, in the tournament appeared to be a weakfish caught at False Point. Henry sees an upswing in local fishing with porgies starting, bluefish at Shagwong and the Point, flounder continuing in the lake and good fluke action.

Captain Ron Grandinetti, fishing with Tyrone Lewis and his friends from New York City, concentrated their efforts at the Frisbees and Rocky Hill on a trip on the **Julie III**. Final count included 52 blackfish from 3 to 10½ lbs., 39 sea bass, top weight 3½ lbs. with some ling.

Fluking showed a definite upswing both in quantity and quality on the weekend. An 8 lber. took the pool on the **Lazybones** on Saturday afternoon's trip, a 5½ lber. on Friday morning's trip. A woman who never fished before caught four keepers and although she "paid the price" in rocky seas, will definitely be back again. Capt. Mike reported daily bycatches of sea bass on his half day fluke trips.

A group of **Viking** regulars including both Captains Paul and Steven Forsberg enjoyed a week's holiday at Clover Pass, a fishing camp in Ketchikan, Alaska. Roving Reporter John Girolamo related that the anglers easily caught their limit of four halibut per day fishing from skiffs in channels 200 to 500 feet deep. While Capt. Paul lost a big one, reported to be as big as a pool table, John's best weighed 144 lbs., measured 6 feet 7 inches. John kept the tail of this fish intact and has promised to loan it to me to show on L.I. Fishing this week on Channel 55. Note the change of time: the program will now air at 6PM on Fridays, rebroadcast remains at 9:30AM Saturday.

Final results of the special first annual fluke tournament to help the handicapped and retarded came in just as we were going to press. In spite of a foggy, nasty day on Saturday, 71 entrants weighed many fluke,

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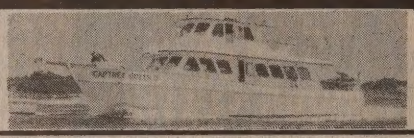

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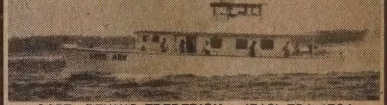

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Captain Joe McBride of the **My-Mate** reported on blue sharks tagged and released on both days of the past weekend, Saturday with Larry DeSandis and his friends; Sunday with "Ski." A load of gorilla bluefish, some to 15 lbs. topped off the day on Sunday.

It's not too late to enter the next Montauk shark tournament, the Charity Shark Tournament sponsored by the Montauk Captain's Association which will be held the weekend of July 11th and 12th. This tournament is open to all. Call **Captain's Cove Marina** for information and entry blanks.

SOUTH FORK

Chris Salb saw an upswing in fish catches at **Bayview marine and Tackle**

in Sag Harbor the past week. While porgy catches varied, best catch during the past week was 60 fish by two anglers at Cedar Point. Porgies averaged a pound in weight, and favored worms, clam and squid baits in that order. Blues were pretty good all week, particularly on Saturday at Jessups, but were difficult to find in Sunday's brisk winds. Several anglers travelled to Tobaccolot Bay for flounder; others to the Ruins at Gardiner's for small fluke. While bass catches were down the past week, a couple of keepers were caught by porgy fishermen. Blue claw crabs have started in Mecox.

Captain Clark Bellows enjoyed a pretty good day with fluke on Wednesday, fishing the rips at the Ruins, with a very good shot of fish in the morning and constant action on every drift in the afternoon. About half of the fish caught were keepers. Although the porgy scene can be best described as picky in general, Capt. Artie Lach had decent action on the weekend, fishing both Gardiner's Island and Southold Bay. Saturday's catch included a mix of porgy, blackfish and sea bass—some 3 and 4 lbs. High hook of 25 fish was attributed t to worms as bait, and very light line. Beginning July 11th, the **Wilhelric II** will sail at 7PM on Saturday nights for weaks and blues, in addition to the porgy/fluke daily schedule.

According to Thom Speckenbach at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Southampton, fluke were located in such diverse locations as Peconic Bay, Culloden at Montauk, and at the East Channel in Shinnecock. A few weakfish were located at Rose's Grove; blues and stripers at Shinnecock Inlet; and porgies at Cedar Point.

Myron Levine and his son Noah christened their new boat with a nice catch of fluke and flounder fishing with friends Carl and Roger Adam. Thirty-five flatties were picked up west of the Ponquogue Bridge while 5 fluke were caught at Shinnnecock Inlet. Bill Hichak, his son Billy and grandson Ricky returned to **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in Southampton. Offshore, action was centered around shark, until tuna moved in on Sunday. Jim Squires left at noon on Saturday, started chumming for shark 5 miles from the Sea Buoy and connected with a 250 lb. mako, with teenager Glenn Kalowski handling the rod on the 'Hobo.'' A 60 lb. mako was neatly dispatched by young Nicky who was fishing with his grandfather, Virgil Barone on the ''Bunky'' on Sunday. Tuna came into the picture on Sunday as well with boats such as the ''Bad Influence'' seeing them on top 15 miles from Shinnecock Inlet.

Captain Ron Woodward of the charter boat **Goshawk** hooked, fought and released blue sharks 15 miles offshore on Saturday.

Two mako sharks, the largest 176 lbs., were caught on the ''Horizon II' caught by Ed Parbst and three of his friends, and brought to **Mariners Cove Marina**. Ron Arcate, speaking

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for the Marina, saw a few fluke come in on Saturday. Flounder maven Eric Erka returns from each trip with flounder, although Eric is now releasing over half caught because of their small size.

Biggest news on Sunday was the school of giant tuna which moved into 130 feet of water southeast of Shinnecock Inlet, said Rick at **Altenkirch and Son**. Colleen McNeal caught her first giant tuna, which weighed 350 lbs., on a rigged squid, on her dad's boat, "Vanilla." A 362 lb. bluefin was landed by Sal Pallicino on the "Queen Bess." Dave Wilmott, owner of Suffolk Life newspapers, brought in a 460 lb. tuna on the "Why Not?" Trolled green machines seemed to do the trick. Mako shark, many in the 130 to 150 lb. range were reported all week. Those fishing the ocean wreck "Panther" averaged 25/30 good size sea bass per outing. Inshore, fluke are picking up. Bluefish as large as 7½ lbs. have been caught in the Shinnecock Canal, although most average 2 or 3 lbs., best just as the gates open.

A reminder that since **Oscar's Fishing Station** is the only rental boat station in Shinnecock Bay, a reservation plus deposit is required on boat rentals.

Al Flexer had to catch 40 short fluke, for 8 keepers to 18 inches in Shinnecock Bay Saturday morning. The fluke hit **Al Feather's Jigs**. Al Siegal reported small weakfish (14 inches) with bluefish in the Shinnecock Canal. A hungry chopper took a liking to a small fluke caught by Don Mitchell, attacking it as Don attempted to lift it out of the water to release it. The big blue got away with the fluke plus Don's hook, line and sinker.

Kids age 16 and under can win prizes (tackle and cash) for winning fluke or perch in the season long Kids Only Fishing Contest. Fish must be caught on **Al Feather's Jigs** and weighed at Altenkirch & Son, Hampton bays; J&J Tackle, Patchogue; Campsite, Huntington Station; and Codfish Tom's, Kings Park.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Offshore fishing took a turn for the better with a good number of makos falling to shark fishermen this week and weekend. Talk of tuna, including a couple of bigeyes at the Canyon and the first run of giants way to our east (southeast) of Shinnecock. In the bays, lots of fluke being reported in Great South Bay but the vast majority are shorts. A lot of shorts also in

Moriches but there appears to be a better ratio of keepers to shorts. Night bluefishing has been excellent in 80' of water between Moriches and Fire Island Inlets and lots of striped bass roaming both inlets. Crabs now in good supply at the docks. Snappers have arrived but are still too small for catching.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

At **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich spoke of some good fluking underway with lots of shorts but enough keepers to make it worthwhile. Most boats return with anywhere from 10 to 30 keepers. Fishing is being done between buoys 36 and 41 and down into Harts Cove. Flounder continue to be taken between buoys 33 and 38 and at buoy 29 in deep water. On Saturday, Kenny Weung, John Psang and Jeff Rossiter from VZ Bait and Tackle returned with 60 flounder and 25 keeper fluke.

Capt. Tom Cashman of the **Center Moriches** charter boat **Rogue** reported a 77 pound mako for Chris Reilly of Nu-Wave Electric on Wednesday. On Saturday, Tom put Don Urban onto a 290 pound mako. Sunday saw Jay Ennerser settle for a dozen big blues.

Capt. Joe Rizzo of the **Moriches** based charter boat **Nino** spoke of a good run of blues and bass with quite a few in the 30 pound class at the inlet. Also bluefin tuna were located southeast of the inlet this week and there are now a fair number of sharks around. On Saturday, Rich Herbezettle connected with a 200 pound dusky. Fred Kaucky and party put away over 70 blues working in and around the inlet on Sunday.

Over at **L&M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Liz Sepulveda reported flounder still being taken at buoy 29. Fluke fishing has come on strong with catches up to 35 keepers per boat being made between buoys 38 and 41. One angler working alone returned with 17 keepers with nearly all of the fish between 2 and 3 pounds.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that Bob Meyer, Ozzie Cotto and Debbie Kelly treked to Moriches on Thursday. They used sandeel and squid combos to take 11 keeper fluke before switching over to troll 15 blues between 1 and 3 pounds. Some customers still reporting flounder at Buoy 29. In Great South Bay, lots and lots of fluke being reported but very few of them making the 14 inch size limit. One angler checked in with a bucket of blowfish taken on the edge of Range Channel. The local docks have been providing some very good crabbing on bait and traps. Tiny snappers are around but not ready for catching. There has been an occasional fluke along with some eels coming from the bulkheads. Paul had some bass news concerning Moriches Inlet. Bill Rockwell and his son Ben spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday drifting live bunker in Moriches Inlet. Along with big blues, the father and son team also managed bass of 31 and 32 pounds in addition to 11 other bass between 10 and 25 pounds. Neil Vanginhoven and Jeff Mayer used live bunker on Sunday to take a couple of big blues along with 4 husky bass to 34 inches.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** said that he teamed with Steve Behrendt to take 82 flounder and 2 fluke at Buoy 29 in Moriches. Locally, some big numbers in fluke catches but in many cases, only 1 in 10 is a keeper. Some guys are reporting catches of 30 to 50 fluke. A few have managed to do better. One customer reported catching over 60 fluke between the Lighthouse and Coast Guard Station and culling 16 keepers from them. Another customer managed only 3 keepers out of 40 fluke. Still a few flounder being picked at the Sore Thumb.

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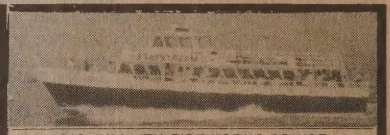

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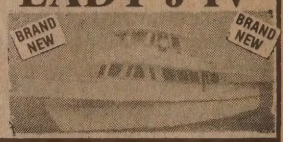

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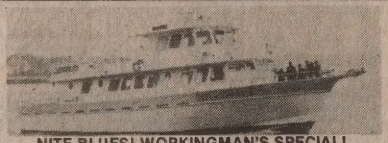

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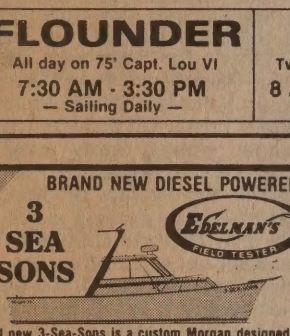

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At **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**, Jim Romano spoke of a few flounder still at the Thumb. Fluke are spread from the inlet to Ocean Beach with better quantity and quality between Kismet and Ocean Beach. Dominic Corso checked in a big black he took while fluking at Ocean Beach on Wednesday. On Thursday, Henny Jentz used umbrella rigs to troll 13 blues between 8 and 10 pounds in 75 feet of water SE of the inlet. On Saturday, Larry Boyer and a friend returned from Moriches with a dozen fluke and a dozen flounder.

Peter Jakits of East Islip christened his new Rainbow Runner III with its first mako on Sunday. Peter ran 140 degrees to 190 feet of water out of F.I. Inlet and put away a 309 pound mako.

Lots of fluke but most of them are shorts according to Carl Miller at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**. A lot of people concentrating their efforts between the Lighthouse and Atlantique where the keeper ratio might be slightly better. Mike Townsend caught approximately 50 fluke three days running this week with one out of ten being a keeper. Small blues are near the lighthouse mornings and evenings. You can troll them on umbrellas and wire or catch them casting with 007s or small Atom poppers. Carl knew of at least one good catch of school stripers made on clam chum under the R.M. Bridge this week. Best bet for blues is south of the lighthouse in 80' of water. Rumors of some yellowfin tuna taken near the Virginia and some yellowfins and a couple of bigeyes reported from the Canyon.

Archie Rhodes of the Bay Shore Tuna Club reported on the results of the weekend's Bay Shore Mako Tournament in which 99 boats participated. In the 'club' category, perennial frontrunner Oakdale Sportsmans Club took the top spot with 822 points. Babylon Tuna Club was 2nd with 637 and Surfside III Tuna Club was 3rd with 610. In the mako category, Paul Mott had a 305 pounder on 'Three's Company', Don Souhrada had a 283 pounder aboard the 'Vento' and Hugh Diamond finished up in the 3rd spot with a 252 pounder caught aboard the 'Cygnet'. In the other shark category, Doug Brewster boated a 203 pound blue on the 'Laine B'. Bob Sgarlata had a 194 pound blue on the 'Three Sons'. On the same boat, Frank Scalia found the 3rd place fish, a 163

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pound blue. Two impressive fish failed to place in the contest. A 380 pound mako was landed on the 'Outrage' but did not make it to the scale until 8PM, hours after the deadline. A 397 pound thresher shark was disqualified because of equipment problems aboard the Lucy Lynn.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee**, spoke of lots of fluke action with plenty of shorts keeping people busy. Fifty to 100 keepers per day have been the rule although Wednesday saw over 125 taken. On Saturday, Tony and Louise Rispoli put away 13 keepers. Also on Saturday, Dan Bosman had 6 keepers up to 4.1 pounds while Jim Gallager walked away with a 5.2 pound pool fish. Bigger fish are being found in the vicinity of Sexton and West Islands according to Neil.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Noel Kappauf reported on the results of the Captree Fluke Derby held over Saturday and Sunday. Eight hundred thirty entrants contributed over $4,100 to the Fisherman Sportfishing Fund. Despite all the action with short fluke, some very respectable fish made it into the winner's circle. First place and $500 went to Joe Valenti for a 5 pounder. Joe Piccarello, Flounder Derby winner, nearly duplicated his feat with a 4.14 pound fluke. In 3rd place was Larry Chovnack with a 4.11 pound fluke. Noel added that there are fluke being taken from Fisherman's Walk at Captree and also at the Jones Beach Piers. Yes, most are shorts.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VIII** reported that the first weekend's results with ¾-night trips was a huge success as the boat's extra speed allowed Capt. Ken Higgins to get to the fish despite the shortened hours. The boat will continue through the summer with these 7PM to 1AM bluefish trips every night. On Friday night's trip, a small crowd (due to the weather) enjoyed excellent fishing with high hook bagging over 40 choppers. Saturday was off with 50 fares putting away around 200 blues but on Sunday night, anglers bailed fish. Fishing is being done southeast of the inlet. On daytime fluke trips, lots of shorts making for plenty of action.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** reported 40-80 keeper fluke per trip with lots of shorts filling in the time. On Saturday, more than 500 fluke were caught with anywhere from 25 to 75 keepers among them. Louis Covaes had the biggest, a 4½ pounder. Sunday saw lots of action on some drifts but a stiff wind and plenty of boat traffic kept the catch down. Night bluefishing remains good south of Cherry Grove with most fish falling into the 3 to 7 pound range. Saturday night saw some slammers to 14 pounds mixed with the smaller blues. Beginning Thursday, July 2nd, the boat will be sailing 2 fluke trips daily from 7AM-11AM and 12 Noon to 4PM.

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boat **Capt. Scotty 3** spoke of good fluking all week except for Sunday with lots of shorts but enough keepers in the 2 to 4 pound range. Blues have been very good most every night with fish ranging from 4 pound on up.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** said that Sunday evening's local bluefish trip was excellent with 150 blues from 2 to 5 pounds being decked by a handful of fares. Fishing was done at the mouth of the inlet near Democrat Point. The skipper said that he will continue these 6-10PM trips through the summer. Of the fluking, many, many shorts providing lots of action with an occasional keeper to 4 pounds.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** reported excellent results for his first night bluefish trip on Friday. Catches ranged from 25 to 30 fish per man with most in the 4-6 pound class but a few 8 to 10 pounders mixed in. Fishing was done south of Cherry Grove in about 80 feet of water. Saturday was slower but most anglers managed 10 blues apiece. Beginning Wednesday, the boat will be sailing ¾-night bluefish trips from 7PM to 1AM from Sunday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday trips will remain full nights from 7PM to 3AM. Fluking has provided plenty of action with lots of shorts and 30 to 40 keepers per trip. Most of the keepers are around 2 pound with a few 3 to 4 pounders taken during the week. Fishing is being done from east of the R.M. Bridge to Ocean Beach.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported a catch of 50 keepers to 4 pounds for 15 fares on Saturday. Plenty of shorts keeping

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From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** Mike Finn reported that several nice makos were checked in by customers this week. Tom McDermott had a 161 pounder on the Tork I. Some yellowfin tuna and a couple of bigeyes were reported at the Canyon. Lots of short fluke around and still a few flounder at the Thumb. Crabbing has been pretty good at the Village Dock.

George Stevenson of **Babylon Fishing Station** weighed a very impressive mako on Wednesday. It was taken by Pete Nowinski aboard his 'Miss Ellie'. It checked in at 430 pounds. Capt. Barry Turano watched Rich Serena put a small mako and John Cassidy, a 158 pounder, into the cockpit of his 'Obsession'. Inshore, George reported short fluke all over the bay with some bigger fish coming from the Kismet area. Still some flounder at the Sore Thumb Pocket.

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At **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani was pleased to report that he was able to put his mom, Gloria Andreani on her first striper Saturday night in Fire Island Inlet. The 5 pounder was taken on a bucktail and pork rind. On Sunday, Joe and Jim McDonnell worked south of the Virginia in 180 feet of water and put away a 180 pound mako. Also Sunday, Hank on the Hustler worked the Kismet area to the tune of 10 keepers. Lots of crabs on the docks and snappers are here, but too small to really bother with yet.

Across the street at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle**, Penny Schaefer said that there are lots of fluke but there appears to be a better keeper ratio between Kismet and Ocean Beach. Flounder are still at the Sore Thumb and small snappers and crabs are at the local docks. A few weaks reported from near the Robert Moses Fishing Pier on small diamond jigs. Sharks being taken from around the Virginia and there are tuna at the Canyon for those looking to make the run. On Sunday, Bob Rousseal boated a 15½ pound blue at the inlet.

At **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Chester Shew reported a pair of small makos for Jack Licer and Hank Abernathy on Saturday. They were taken 3 miles east of the NA Buoy along with a load of teen size bluefish. On Sunday, Joe Garciola put a 4.2 pound fluke aboard his 'Patty Ann'. On Friday, Ralph Lennon, Al Smith and Fred Hagermeyer treked to the Virginia, not for sharks, but for cod. The trio put away 15 between 8 and 21 pounds on

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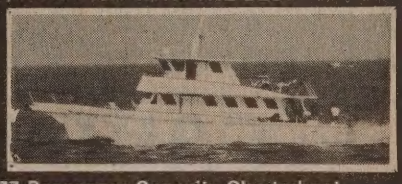

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clams. The same Al Smith put away 21 flounder at the Sore Thumb on Thursday. Also on Thursday, George Mills worked Black Banks to the tune of 4 husky school bass. Ralph Angelillo of the store, and Tony Purelo caught 15 bass and put fish of 17 and 18 pounds into Ralph's Boat 'Z Crab'. On Thursday, Ralph returned with his wife Annie to take 5 more bass. All of the action was on clam belly.

Over at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported a 304 pound tiger shark for Scott Smyth of the shop on Sunday. He was aboard Fred Walter's Reel Affair and the fish placed 3rd in the Charvin Shark Contest. Barry Mack checked in with makos of 100 and 125 pounds on his 'Cathy's Too'. Both were taken near the Virginia. There has been good fluking along South Beach but lots of them are shorts. John Durante put 7 keepers to 3 pounds into the fish box of his 'Reel Me'. Small snappers and crabs at Tanner Park and a good catch of fluke and flounder for Mr. Bigianni aboard the Tilichi.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** Frank Pristera reported fluke fishing consists mostly of shorts with an occasional keeper at the inlet, bridge, lighthouse and Kismet. Frank knew of a 27 pound striper taken on a drifted live eel in Fire Island Inlet on Saturday night. A reminder that the Captain's

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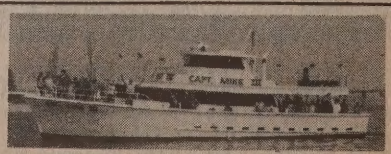

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West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Things are really happening as we start cruising into the summer months. Flounder continue strong and big. Fluke action couldn't be better, with an acceptable number of keepers, and those keepers being good sized. Tuna are starting to show, as are mako shark, tigers and threshers. Blackfishing has been slow and weakfishing about nil. Very good striped bass activity for chummers and bucktailers and liveliners with a fair number of keeper fish now being taken, that is, those over 33 inches.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

At **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford we learn that the fluking has been excellent in the keeper department for sharpies using bucktail tipped with spearing and dragging or hopping it along the bottom. This trick also works with sand eels, said Lon. One customer fishing Squaw Island had 40 keeper fluke one day this week fishing this method. Also good fluking in the State Channel at Wanser's Cut, Black Banks and the west side of the 2nd Wantagh. Good floundering in the deeps at the bridges. Lots of blues and bass at the bridges on bunker and also being chummed on bellies in the State Channel. Very few weakfish in the bay.

We learn from Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh of fair fluking all week, but with Tuesday and Wednesday being very good, especially in the Broad Channel section of Merrick Bay. Twenty-five to 30 keepers per boat were no problem. Glen and Pat had 25 keepers out of 75 fluke on spearing, fish to 4 lbs. They caught drifting and also anchored up and chumming. Big M was a good spot on the weekend as was Reynolds. Boats averaging 5 to 10 keepers per, spearing working best. Small blues and sea bass mixed in. Tiny snappers off the Wantagh Park bulkhead. Blues very good for diamond jiggers off the beaches to the west. A few flounder on the ebb on red clam at the CG station and NE side of Big M, also the cove east of the Jones Beach Piers on the south side. Paul Jiurco on Sunday had an 80 lb. and a 120 lb. mako fishing 45 miles SE of Jones.

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From **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore, Scott tells of bluefish being chummed, jigged and trolled just off the south shore beaches, fish 3 to 6 lbs. Stripers in the State Channel from Zachs Bay east at dusk on popping plugs. These are mixed fish with a few keepers. Super fluking, but lots of throwbacks.

Gary Smith at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick told of good flounder action at Big M and the CG station cove. Lots of fluke action with a fair number of keepers all throughout Sloop channel and Jones Inlet. Blacks at the jetty up to 9 plus lbs. and also at the T wreck, all on clam.

Out of Freeport, Capt. Mike Miller's charter boat **Apus III** reports that the makos have finally settled in nicely. Saturday's charter boated a 100 lb. and a 125 lb. mako and dropped a third one, also releasing two duskies. Sunday's trip saw fair bluefishing for a charter with some bonito mixed in. Mike also knew of some bluefin tuna taken at the Yankee Wreck.

We hear from the **Lady J Fleet** that their bluefish trips this week caught well on diamonds one to two hours SW of Jones Inlet. Fluke trips have been local from Jones/Debs plus some trips working the ocean off Riis Park and Playland using sand eels, spearing and squid. Trips this past week were sailed for Dwelling Managers, Archer Services, Yellow Freight, American Legion Post 1424, Forest Hills, Atlantic Container Lines, Ogden Foods, Albert Ashford Mgrs. Group, Garafolo Electric, Styvesant Fuel, Southern Pacific Railroad, Dan Schmidt group, Malcolm Armstrong party, Dave Skudin party, Jim McGrath group and Hanny Fuel.

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into the 30s. Best action has been at the BA, NB and Farms areas. Smaller 2 lb. blues are hugging the beaches and usually obliged whenever needed. There was a bonus of 5 bonito also taken this week.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** we hear that the **Super Spray II** has started its night bluefishing trips (see ad for details) for its daytime fluke trips, Dave Green of Valley Stream bagged a 5 lb. fluke, Cy Lerner took two pools with fluke of 4½ and 3¾ lbs. Kevin McGuire nailed a 4½ lber. Mike and Jan of Merrick hoisted 8 keepers up to 4½ lbs. and Ron Friedman also had a 4½ lb. pool winner. Lots of throwbacks, lots of action also. On Saturday the charter boat **Mirage** hoisted a 25 inch 5½ lb. fluke. The charter fleet has been having good bluefishing at BA and 17 fathoms nights with the blues chasing butters. Giant blues in the HA area on the shark grounds, fish 12 to 15 lbs. Also very good ocean bottom for blacks and sea bass.

The **Jennifer B** continues pounding flounder. Roy Schwartz had a 2 plus pounder, Spencer Thomas 15, Tony Z seven, John and Sylvia 9 each, Rich Baumgartner 14, John B. 17, Rich Schwartz 9, Rick Loguidice 10, Steve Provda 9, Pete Papi 9, Roy H. 8, John Smith 8, Kevin Miller 2 plus lber. Rich Schwartz a 3 lb. 2 oz. fish, Rich B. 2 plus lbs., regulars Jerry and Al each got flatties of 3 lbs. 2 oz., Linda Cabibbo, a 2 plus lber., John Lombardi a 2 plus lbers. Andy Uterno a 3 lber., Sal Gerbino a 2 plus lber., Ira I a 2 lber. and Dave D. a 3 plus lber. Action has been local and Capt. Frank says with the best yet to come he'll be staying with flounder through the summer. The boat's night bluefishing trips ranged from good to excellent on fish 4 to 7 lbs.

From the **Bluefin Fleet** the skipper says fluking picked up during the week with catches outside along the beaches yielding larger fish, more keepers, fish running to 4 lbs. with blacks and sea bass mixed in. George Marr tagged a 4 lb. black while a 4 lb. fluke was taken home by Brett MacNamara. Jim Thomas was happy with a 3½ lb. fluke while Werner Danielson and Howard Levy each had 2½ lbers. Walt Pilat nailed a 4 lb. fluke, while high hook of the week was J. Long with 19 keeper fluke. Runner up was Ted Janeczko with 14. Tom Lamburg had a 4 lber. as did Bill Fox, while Leo Benlisa had a 3 lb. fluke. Barbara Curran had a dynamite day with 23 keeper fluke. Best action was off Riis, the Rockaways and at the channels. The skipper said that two tuna dates have been set up, August 25th and September 30th, with still some openings on each of these trips.

The Charvin Shark Tournament was held Sunday out of **Lou's Fishing Station.** Ninety-four boats were entered and the tournament was really hot. Twenty-three makos were weighed along with a blue and a dusky. First place went to the boat My Way, angler Dom Lapi with a 436 lb.

thresher worth $7,050. Second place went to The Boat, angler Dr. Steve Colvin, with a 355 lb. thresher worth $2,820. Third place went to Reel Affair, angler Scott Smyth with a 304 lb. tiger worth $1,410. Loads of fluke in the area said Lou with about a 10 percent keeper ratio. On Thursday Capt. Larry Festa's charter boat **Kristen** fishing NW of the Virginia wreck trolled 12 yellowfin tuna on green machines for the Doug Mandart party. Larry said there were loads of tuna around the area.

Following is a corrected list of winners in the Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament held last week. First place went to a 410 lb. dusky taken on the R-Capitol, worth $16,900 in prize money. Second place went to a 330 lb. mako taken on the Val Gin worth $7000 prize money and 3rd place went to a 310 lb. mako caught on the Sweet Revenge worth $4200 prize money. Fourth through 12th place split up about $5000 in tackle prizes. Two hundred fifty-eight boats were entered and 32 shark were weighed in that went over 100 plus pounds each. This was the largest people and number of boats tournament ever on Long Island. The winning crew on the R-Capitol were: Richie Collins, Jerry Fitzsimmons, Kurt Englekin, John Ferretti.

Anglers planning to fish the South Nassau Communities Hospital Tournament should note that the starting time to begin fishing is 5AM Saturday, July 11th. Boats entering the tournament can leave from anywhere they may be located, any time prior to 5AM. There is no specific "starting out" point. It's on the honor system, though, not to start fishing till 5AM. The weigh-in stations (7PM deadline) are Hudson Point Fishing Station in Freeport; Reynolds Reef Fishing Station in Atlantic Beach; and Bay Park Fishing Station in Oceanside. There are over $30M in prizes that have been donated so far.

Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** reports that his flounder trips continue to be good with fish cooperative and for the most part, large, all fishing being local. He also advised that the night blue trips have been catching well on a consistent basis.

Over in Point Lookout the first bluefish trip of the season for the **Captain Al** sailed Saturday and good solid catches were had on diamonds, fish 3 to 10 lbs.

Word from the **Night Hawk** is that the fluking all week has been excellent. Greg and Walt Johnson had 13 keepers and the pool winner. Mark Lamprolos had 10 keeper fluke. Phil and Sal had 2 keepers each. Kim Friedman bagged a 5 lb. 3 oz. pool winner while Stan and Ann SAndrolowicz totaled 16 keepers on two trips. Friday's PM trip saw 7 fares take over 60 fish with a 75 percent keeper ratio. he pool went to Eli Jacobs with a 4 lb. 3 oz. fluke, while Dave Edwards was high hook with 8.

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week, Captain Ron says the night blues were super every trip. Wednesday was especially hot. Big Ed had 35, Bob S. 40, Ellen Nagy 35, and Lou Acino 32. Bait and chum were the ticket and fish ran 3 to 10 lbs. Catches ran 5 to 45 fish a man every night. On the daytime fluke trips, Jackie Baker (correction, flounder trips) bagged a 2¾ lber. Flounder action has been good on all the flood tides, shaky on the ebbs. Ann Pinesich had a 2½ lb. flounder Sunday AM. On Saturday, the boat is switching to fluke on all of its day trips.

The charter boat **Marie III** fluked Monday and Friday locally. Monday's trip for NYPD Highway Patrol saw Brian Futtermann with 45 total fluke and a 20 percent keeper ratio, Dan Bolen with 29 total fluke, 20 percent keepers, and Bob McCafery with 25 total fluke and 20 percent keeper ratio. Pat Oconnor had a 3½ lb. pool fluke. Roughly 600 total fluke were taken with the same 20 percent keeper ratio. Friday's trip for the Point Lookout Fishing Club had Matt Brennan with 27 total fluke and a 20 percent keeper ratio. Saturday and Sunday charters fished from Riis Park to Jersey Highlands with an 85 percent keeper ratio, fish 2 to 5 lbs., 2 to 8 keeper fluke a man.

From **Scotty's Fishing Station** it's been fluke, incoming best on killies, spearing and squid in the inlet and Reynolds. Flounder still very good on worm and clam, all around the high, throughout Reynolds and in the flats. Buoy 17 has been hot at low tide. Blues just off the inlet and along the shoreline on trolled umbrellas. Mako shark offshore 25 to 40 miles due south of the inlet. A 155 lb. mako was taken on Capt. Bob Schultz' **Time Out** by Jack Gunita, Bob Pennington and Bob Savage, the fish hitting a mackerel. A 197 lb. mako was taken on the boat 50-50 by Scott Schaefer on a mackerel at the Texas Tower.

We learn from **Ed's Fishing Station** of the loads of fluke, mostly midgets, but some nice keepers to 4 lbs. being

caught all over the bay. Best has been from Reynolds buoy 17 east to Sloop Channel with a 10 percent keeper ratio but plenty of action. Good floundering ...70 flatties for two buddies at the Big M area and the mouth of Swift. Ten to 15 lb. blues very good at 17 Fathoms. Sea bass now being taken along with a couple o of porgies off the West Marina Piers.

We hear from Captain Ron Lepper of the **Kim** out of Atlantic Beach that he has found the bluefishing great all over, but the fluke a little slow on the outside as of mid-week. Ron says the striped bass action has been excellent but the fish mostly midgets on the black side of Ambrose on umbrellas. Fair sharking at the Texas Tower. Ron is taking the boat to Montauk this week and will be fishing all of July for giant tuna. He can be reached at Gone Fishing Marina, (516) 668-3232. On Saturday, a trip for Bob Mitchell produced two 150 lb. makos plus another dropped. He saw quite a few giant tuna in the 700 to 800 lb. class in the HA area chasing bait.

At **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook we hear of Ed Stattel of Elmont who on Sunday night at the ABB using a white bucktail nailed 2 bass, 15 lbs. and 28 lbs., plus an 18 lb. blue. Bunker all over the place inside said Charlie. Tons of small fluke around and the flounder still obliging nicely and good sizes available.

Fred at **Cast-A-Way Tackle** in Franklin Square told of the good fluking in Reynolds with a few keepers but lots of short fish. Many stripers at the ABB on bellies last of incoming and the first of outgoing with a few more keeper sized fish around. Tom DiMauro had 4 keepers out of 20, fish to 15 lbs. Days and nights are working. Blues spotty in Reynolds and at buoy 4. Great shark reports at the Glory Hole (west of the Virginia and 40 miles due south of Jones).

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway, we learn of flounder, fluke and blues being caught nicely in Reynolds Channel, with blues on the small in Masons channel. We also learned of a 31 lb. striper taken Wednesday night at the ABB on sandworm fished on the bottom.

Artie at **Cross Bay Tackle** in Howard Beach spoke of lots of blues and fluke and stripers off both bridges, with more keeper stripers now. Fluke have been taking killies, spearing and squid. Blues have been running 5 to 7 lbs. Carol Crowley took a 2¾ lb. fluke off the North Channel bridge. Marylou Howard bagged a 24¼ lb. striper on a live bunker at Ruffle Bar. Chanje Lee had a 13 lb. 2 oz. blue on live bunker. Sand porgies are starting to show on worm bait.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** told of mixed fluke inside Sandy Hook bay Saturday, but on Sunday with better weather the boat fished Highlands, Seabright and off the Hook with an 80 percent keeper ratio. Joe G took the pool with an 8 lb. 1 oz. fluke. The channels and along the beaches have also been good depending on conditions. Fluke seem to be spread out all over the place.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Daybreaker** has been taking blues and striped bass on diamond jigs and umbrellas at the Tin Can and at the jetty for charters during this past week. He is taking the boat to Montauk from now till Labor Day for the tuna season and he can be reached there at (516) 668-4717.

Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** just east of the fleet said bluefish have been very strong all week, day and night, with Sunday the only slower day. Fish have been close in also, said Neil and are being caught by jiggers and those baiting and chumming. Local fluking has been strong off the Coney Island flats and at the channels.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Except for harbor slammers in Huntington, bluefish were virtually gone from most of the area. Bottom fishing was steady until winds blew on Sunday, with scup and fluke fishing fairly good on weekdays. Bass fishing in the mid-Island sector brought back memories of 1970s trophy fishing with livelined bunker.

WESTERN SOUND

For **Jack's Bait** on **City Island**, there were mixed bags with some flounder, some tautog, and some scup. Fluke to two and three pounds were taken locally near Fort Schuyler, and there were bass at night around the Boatyard condos; fish to 22 pounds were taken on chunk baits. At the **Glen Cove Sport Shop**, Phil Nasi saw three weakfish during the week as well as bass reports from Artie Miller and Everett Johnson. Miller's best linesider was a 15 pounder, and Johnson released seven stripers to 18 pounds.

Dom Cerbone's **Apache** out of **City Island** had a good Saturday of fishing around Center Island with tautog averaging a couple of pounds and many scup to ¾ of a pound or more. Fishing fell off Sunday in heavy boat traffic. The **North Star** reportedly had a very good week of fishing on scup as well.

Carl Giangrande took the **Reliable** out of **Flushing Bay** to Staten Island for productive fluking on Sunday after fishing for porgies and tautog on Saturday around Bayville. Even though the boat was "railed" on Sunday, most fares had their share of fish in the 16 and 17 inch class.

The **Klondike VIII** was jigging for bluefish in chopper sizes or larger off of Jersey beaches. The big boat also had a keeper bass this week. Unfortunately, Sunday's angling was marred by a damaged prop when the boat hit a submurged object in the Bight. The prop was replaced by an expert diver on Sunday night.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Ilene Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sport** had some fluke reports from Eaton's Neck, but her best item was a 12 pound bass, released by Mike Hill off the hot water discharge. Hill came all the way from Delray Beach, Florida for that fish. Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** said that Bill Arato and Billy Potts had a 21 pound striper off the causeway on a livelined bunker; however, the main action locally was the nine day blitz of bluefish in the harbor before sunrise. This was sholder-to-sholder stuff with some of the gang slinging huge plugs and wielding fourteen foot gaffs off the piers. Hookups of a dozen or more fish per sharpie were not unusual, and the largest of the slammers weighed 16 pounds. According to Cedar, there was also a pick of fluke off Diamond Point, Northport Bay, where Bob Nase had a dozen keepers to 6 pounds (26 inches). There were some scup off Marshall Field and between buoys 4 and 6 in Centerport. Carl MacRitten had a 3 pound sea bass off Eaton's Neck.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** had 8 bass over 20 pounds weighed in at the shop during the past six days. There were many that were over the legal limit that fell just under the logbook class, too. Valentine pointed out that there are seven fish over 30 pounds now packed in his freezer, awaiting taxidermy as well. Truly this fishing with bunker and chunks represents a return to the 1970s. The four top fish, all over 35 pounds were Mark Rinaldo's 44½ pounder, Bob Beck's 43½ pounder, Bryan Spodek's 36 pounder and Dan Ackroyd's 35.

John Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** said that porgy fishing on the outside for fish to a pound or more was very good, but that there were porgies and flounder in the harbor on days that were too windy to venture out. There were keeper fluke around 2½ pounds plus tautog around 3 pounds as well. Two weeks ago, John weighed a huge 4 pound 2 ounce scup at the station and just last weekend, John learned

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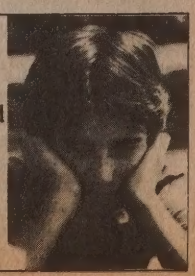

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Hugh Chancey III with a 10.15 lb. blackfish taken from the beach at Eaton's Neck. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Bait and Tackle in Huntington.

that one of his customers had a 5½ pounder off Crane's Neck.

Bill at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** was asking the same question as everybody else. "Where are the bluefish?" Except for some small blues way off the beach at mid-week and a couple of school bass around Baiting Hollow, there was not a whole lot in the local report.

Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** had good bottom fishing all week, and his father was also putting the evening customers onto bottom species because of the complete lack of bluefish. Hopefully this is a temporary phenomenon. Sunday was the best day of the weekend, with some high hooks of 20 fish, mostly porgies. The boat also had about a hundred flounder on Sunday. Cash said that few of the scup were small and that most were mediums, with a couple of fish a day close to 2 pounds.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters** in **Huntington** spoke of good bass and blues locally. On Wednesday, Andy Fukiel had a mess of bass and blues to 17 pounds. Matt Yovino did well Friday and Roger Walfley had a 25 pound bass to top off his catch on Saturday. On Sunday, Tony Vsobiaga had bass of 17 and 20 pounds and blues to 12 pounds.

NORTH FORK

Frank Ingargiola called to say that his **My Yacht II** out of **Mattituck Inlet** is beginning to draw for open boat fluke trips on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Monday there were big fish on the outgoing during the first of the tide with each fare taking 2 to 5 fluke to 19 inches. Matt Kelly's charter on Tuesday had fish to 20 inches late on the incoming and some large fish during the outgoing until the wind came up. Brian Zelinski's party on Saturday

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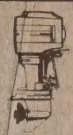

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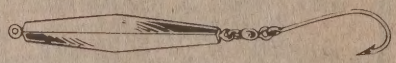

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mixed fluke fishing for large fish to 9 pounds with jigging action on pods of bluefish to 7 pounds. Bob Ceglowski also had a busy week of Mattituck Inlet fluking with the **Captain Bob.**

Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** had some good scup fishing to report after 10AM Saturday when the fog lifted. Fish were east of the inlet in 25 to 30 feet of water and came in mixed sizes to 2 pounds. A number of weakfish in the 5-9 pound calls were mentioned as by-catches from the Mattituck station as well as the **Mattituck Inlet Station.** It obviously pays to try high hook rigs when fishing for scup east of the inlet.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** saw two weakfish, summer fish around 2 pounds, in the South Race on Saturday. Cocktail blues were trolled with umbrellas, and nighttime anglers around the airport and in the South Race had some weaks with the blues. The best tiderunner of the week went thirteen pounds and was taken by a troller.

Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** told us that Richie Jensen's **Nancy Ann** had some weakfish and fluke in the East Marion and Shelter Island zones this past week. Finally, someone had a pick of porgies off the Greenlawns, too. Blues have thinned out in the Gut as well as off Jessup's Neck. The **Boanne II** begins open boat sailing this week.

Joanne Ciccotto told us that Larry's **Prime Time III** regularly has more fluke than fares on drifts around Gardiner's Island. Considering the sizes of the fish, with pools of 6 pounds Thursday and 9 pounds on Saturday, this is good fluke fishing by today's standards. Joanne had a fish over 4 pounds herself on Saturday's trip too.

Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** called to say that the boat caught well Saturday with mixed sizes of scup plus a few jumbos. There were sea bass, tautog and flounder mixed in the bags as well. Unfortunately, the roaring northwest winds caught everybody by surprise on Sunday and made the fishing tough, but the scup

should not be effected and the fishing should be good this week. Ruth White at the **AP White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that Larry Porter of the **Brand X** was also counting on a half bucket of scup for anglers on most good days. White had a good report of bluefish catches by Harold Laub. At mid-week, he and a partner hda more than four dozen bluefish to 3½ pounds off Jessup's Neck and on Friday they jigged a catch of fish in the 5 pound class from Plum Gut.

John Rainis had a catch of three fluke per fare on the **Sea Star** while fishing the Ruins off Gardiner's Island on Friday. Rainis feels the fluking is coming up nicely now, according to White.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

While there was no evidence that weakfishing ever really developed at Montauk after the one good night reported here, there is some evidence that there were weaks around with one caster connecting with 6 big weaks Friday night. Bluefish faded from most shore areas this week but lots of bass continue to be camped at the South Shore inlets while here and there bluefish helped pick up the slack.

A quiet week at the Point according to Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**. John knew of just a few school bass taken up front and heard of one or two weeks caught along Shagwong. Nothing to reveal any concentration of fish though there have been some weaks for boatmen on outer Shagwong. No blues reported at all on the beach during this week.

Steve Agnetti and Larry Lodi said it was just like September on the east side of Shinnecock on Friday. According to Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, the pair used darters and Rebels to take a mixture of bass, blues and weaks from the east jetty during Friday's northeaster. The action took place during the late morning and mid-day hours and quite a few other casters shared in the fishing. Paul noted that boatmen continue to do a job on Moriches Inlet stripers to the frustration of casters unable to get to either side of the inlet. The only answer is beaching a boat on the backside.

From Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** came the highlight of the week. Saturday morning saw Tom Nauta drag a 53 pound cow bass to the scales. The big striper was taken inside Fire Island Inlet on a Rebel on

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SAT.	1:35	2:25	2:35	3:15	2:05	2:55	3:35	4:15	5:05	5:30	5:15	5:45	2:00	2:35	7/4
SUN.	2:30	3:20	3:25	4:05	2:55	3:45	4:30	5:05	6:00	6:25	6:10	6:35	2:55	3:30	7/5
MON.	3:30	4:20	4:20	5:05	3:50	4:45	5:30	5:55	6:55	7:20	7:10	7:35	3:50	4:25	7/6
TUES.	4:40	5:25	5:25	6:00	5:05	5:50	6:30	6:45	8:00	8:20	8:10	8:30	4:50	5:20	7/7
WED.	5:45	6:20	6:25	7:00	6:20	6:50	7:25	7:40	9:05	9:20	9:10	9:30	5:50	6:15	7/8
THURS.	6:50	7:15	7:25	7:55	7:20	7:45	8:20	8:30	10:10	10:25	10:10	10:25	6:45	7:10	7/9

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Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
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On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
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Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/2	5:28	8:40
FRI. 7/3	5:29	8:40
SAT. 7/4	5:29	8:39
SUN. 7/5	5:30	8:39
MON. 7/6	5:30	8:38
TUE. 7/7	5:31	8:38
WED. 7/8	5:32	8:37

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/2	11:25AM	—
FRI. 7/3	12:25PM	12:10AM
SAT. 7/4	1:30PM	12:35AM
SUN. 7/5	2:40PM	12:50AM
MON. 7/6	3:50PM	1:15AM
TUE. 7/7	5:10PM	1:45AM
WED. 7/8	6:25PM	2:20AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
7/25	7/4	7/11	7/17

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	10:30	**4:20**	10:55	**4:40**
Fri.	11:15	**5:05**	11:40	**5:25**
Sat.	11:55	**5:50**	—	**6:10**
Sun.	12:25	**6:30**	12:40	**6:45**
Mon.	1:05	**7:15**	1:25	**7:40**
Tues.	1:55	**8:00**	2:10	**8:30**
Wed.	2:45	**8:55**	3:05	**9:25**
Thurs.	3:40	**9:55**	4:05	**10:30**

Saturday morning. Noel added that blues have been taken on live snagged bunker from the Jones Beach area several evenings this past week.

At **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani reported on that catch of 6 big weaks taken at Montauk on Friday night. Richie Koester, a L.I. Surf Fishing Association member, used 6" yellow chicken scratch Bombers to take the tiderunners which range from 9½ to 11½ pounds. He also had a 12 pound striper but was mum on the specific location of the fish.

Chester Shew said that he managed to work the Robert Moses parking field 2 surf Friday evening where he used mackerel chunks to put away 8 big blues in the 12 to 13 pound range. Chester mans the counter at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**.

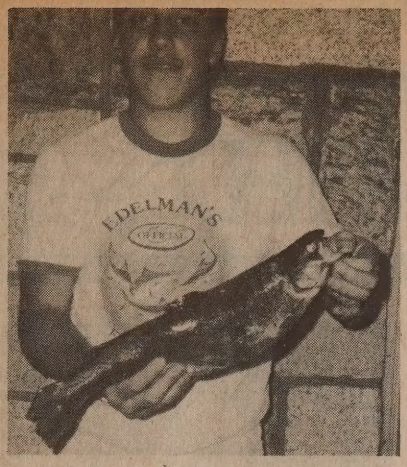
Mike Kaland of the Striper Surf Club reported that Mitch Sarro, who connected with a 40-plus pound striper last week, had to settle for a 26¼ pounder during the wee hours of Sunday morning. Once again, Mitch worked West End II, Jones Beach. He also had some school bass and reported lots of bait camped in the area. He has been working 5½ inch sinking minnow shaped swimmers.

Up on the North Shore, bluefish have pulled a disappearing act along many beaches. The only exception to our knowledge was inside Huntington Harbor where big blues have been creating chaos at the Huntington Town Dock and other shore points inside the harbor. This action took place through most of last week with fish being taken on poppers and swimmers. They ranged up into the mid-teens.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Steady is a good description of the freshwater fishing scene over the past week. Anglers from both ends of the Island continue to experienced plenty of action with small to medium largemouth bass, trout, carp and panfish, while a couple of anglers pick away at some larger fish. Most tackle shop owners report the hottest action taking place during evening hours or whenever the sky is overcast.

"Little change from last week" is the way Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook** described this week's fishing feedback. Anglers are still picking away at fish in the local ponds, but few are large enough to bother weighing in. One exception was a 4 lb. rainbow trout taken on a worm at Bubble's Falls by an angler who didn't leave



Fifteen year old Luke Retacco displays a 3.14 lb. rainbow trout he caught back on May 7 in Connetquot State Park. It was one of 44 rainbows and browns landed by the youngster that day. Subscriber photo.

his name. Panfishing has been good.

From his perch behind the register at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, Bobby Turturello spoke of a few decent sized bass and pickerel taken during the week at the Twin Lakes. Virtually all the action at this location has come after 6PM and killie have been the bait of choice.

A call to Tom Healy at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** tipped us off to some good action on Greenwood Lake in Babylon. One angler, who did not leave his name, connected with 9 bass to 4.5 lbs. while fishing there on Friday. Live killies were the best bait and most of the fish were taken from a canoe during broad daylight.

Across the street at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle**, we learned from Jimmy Schafer that a few pickerel continue to be coaxed by killie dunkers working the weedline in Southard's Pond. Action here was best on Thursday when one local youngster bested three pickerel to 18". A few carp have also fallen to bread baits fished at the Rt. 231 lakes.

According to the crew at **Pine Grove Outfitters**, fishing on Lake Ronkonkoma has been pretty good during the evening of whenever it threatens to rain. On Saturday, Richie Herrmann drilled bass of 2, 3, 5 and 6.5 lbs. All were taken on spinnerbaits. Richie creeled the 5 lber. for the wall but released the 6.5 lb. bass because she was still holding rod. Other anglers also mentioned scoring with large bass on this lake in recent days, most, however, did not feel the urge to leave any information as to how and where the fish were taken.

At **Augie's Bait and Tackle, Babylon**, Keith reports Dave Ross used a bread ball to entice a 5 lb. carp at Argyle Lake early in the week. Also, Paul Ripperger used his "Rabitt's Foot" pattern to take a 5.8 lb. carp on a flyrod. The fish, taken on a 4X tippet, will tie the current IGFA 4X tippet world record if the ensuing paperwork is accepted. Outside of the carp action, freshwater action has been rather slow in this area.

From Jim Romano of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle, East Islip**, we learned that shop-hand Rob and a buddy nailed 3 rainbow trout to 2 lbs. in Connetquot park on Saturday. Rob said that the fish were freely taking dries and white zonker and bivisible patterns seemed to turn the fish on the most. Bass fishing has slowed in recent days, but a few shorts are still taking baits in Brookwood Hall Pond.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Centereach**, reported taking a few bass to 1.5 lbs. in "a lake out east." More local was Steve Kolhchek's catch of 4 bass to 3.3 lbs., while working Patchogue Lake. Steve took his fish on a gold spinner and purple worm.

Rod DiGicomo at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, tells us Richie Simmons and sons Eric and Rich, Jr., duped a limit of Connetquot Park rainbow trout on Saturday while using grey ghosts and wooly buggers. The trio actually landed 40 fish to 3.5 lbs. A few anglers also noted good largemouth bass action at Lake Ronkonkoma. Fishing at Bubble's Falls and Rattlesnake Creek remains steady with a fair amount of medium to large fish when one considers the pressure on these locations. By the way, word got back to me before this weekend that the area of littering we mentioned last week is already starting to look a little better. If you have been out there picking up some of that trash, keep it up—your efforts are being noticed.

"A real pretty fish" is the way, John, at **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue,** described the 22" brown trout taken Saturday from Swan Lake by Gene Romeo. Fishing in the park has been quite good. There is a lot of action in the Patchogue Lakes, however, most of it concerns kids and panfish.

Mrs. Devlin at the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, gave a call Sunday afternoon to tell us about a 5.7 lb. bass taken by George Payne of Riverhead. It seems that George had stopped in the shop during the late morning hours to show off a couple of 2 to 3 lb. bass taken from Merritts Pond. Late that afternoon, he returned again with the lunker which fell for a jellyworm that the lucky angler had found along the shore and decided to give a try while working Forge Pond. The big fish did more than look good, it also copped first prize for the largest bass in the shop's month-long bass fishing contest.

Lastly, yours truly even managed a few fish this week. Fishing on Wildwood Lake with George Rose, I managed a pickerel of about 2 lbs. George did even better, taking 3 or 4 to a little over 3 lbs. We found the br bright sun, as I'm sure did other anglers, to be a real hindrance to the bass fishing we had planned.

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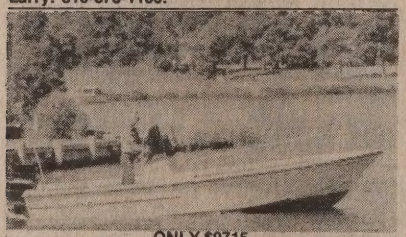

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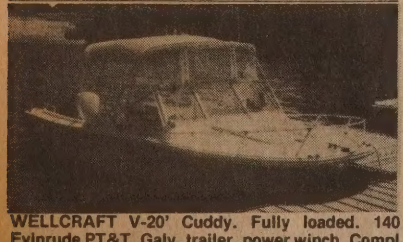

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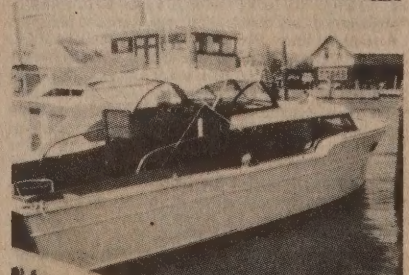

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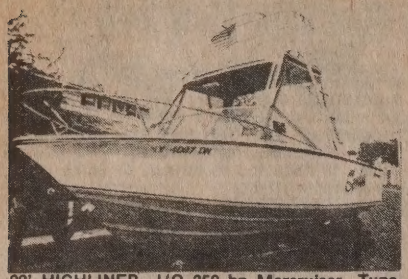

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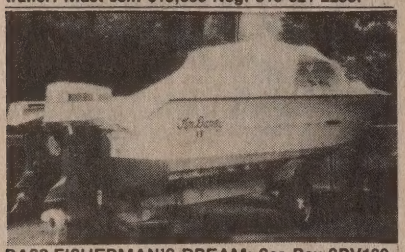

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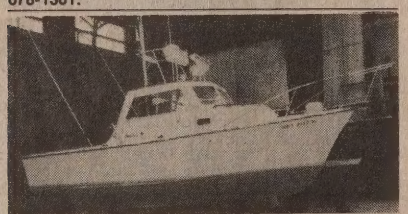

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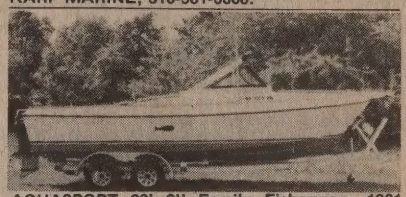

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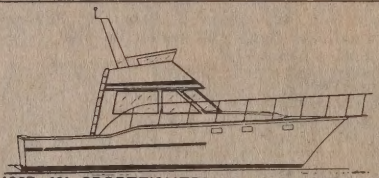

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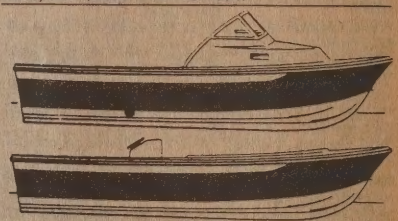

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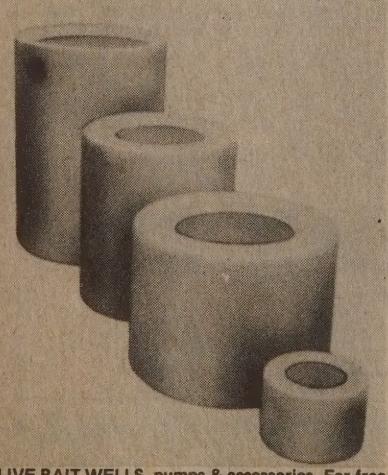

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